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Introduction

Student officials are strongly encouraged to participate in School of Sport Education NT programs at all levels. This includes referees, umpires and assistant coaches. Pathway opportunities through to School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships may be available for student official roles.

The School of Sport Education NT actively supports involvement in our program in non-playing roles, as they provide leadership opportunities and an insight into the many roles offered in the sporting industry beyond playing.

Purpose

Students can nominate for inclusion in School of Sport Education NT and SSA programs in a non-playing capacity. The nomination process is set out in Attachment A.

Policy

Any student wishing to nominate as a referee, umpire or assistant coach must:

- have demonstrated skill competency in the role within the relevant sport
- be confident in making decisions
- be able to relate to and communicate with both student participants and team officials.

1. Referees and Umpires - Inter-region level.

At the Inter-region level 50% of the travel and accommodation costs will be paid by the School of Sport Education NT for referees and umpires. The students will travel as part of their regional team, supervised by regional team officials, unless there is an agreement for direct supervision with a State Sporting Organisation.

A reduction in this levy may be possible for returning student referees and umpires who have supported the program on multiple occasions. This will be considered on a case by case basis.

2. Student Assistant Coaches - Inter-region level.

The School of Sport Education will cover 50% of the costs for travel and accommodation for one Student Assistant Coach per region per Championship or Development and Interstate Selection Camp, provided that the appropriate level of mentoring and support is available. This is required to ensure the student can appropriately conduct themselves in the role.

Student Assistant Coaches cannot provide duty of care for students. Student Assistant Coaches are considered as students when meeting the 1:10 adult to student ratio required for teams.

A reduction in this levy may be possible for returning student coaches who have supported the program on multiple occasions. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. SSA interstate level - all student officials.

Student team officials operating at the Inter-region level may be considered for selection to officiate at SSA Championships if they demonstrate the appropriate skill level.

Students selected at this level participate under the same conditions as interstate players and will be required to meet all travel and participation expenses, wear School of Sport Education NT uniform, abide by the codes of conduct and be under the supervision of the School of Sport Education NT interstate team officials. It is expected that a mentor for student referees and umpires will be provided by the host state at all SSA Championships but this is not always possible.

SSA from time to time offer a small subsidy for interstate travel for student officials.