



## **AUSTRALIAN DEAF GAMES**

### **John Lovett Cup Rules**

This information sheet documents the details for how the John Lovett Cup (formerly the Australian Deaf Sports Federation Cup) is awarded at the Australian Deaf Games. The following rules apply to all Australian Deaf Games commencing 2016 onwards.

1. The John Lovett Cup (JML Cup) is to be awarded only at an endorsed and official Australian Deaf Games;
2. Only States\* who are affiliated with Deaf Sports Australia are eligible to compete for the JML Cup;
3. State Deaf Sport Organisations sending teams to the Australian Deaf Games (e.g.: Deaf Basketball Queensland) are expected to affiliate with their State Deaf Sport Association or Committee (e.g.: Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland) to enable eligibility to win points for their State;
4. To win the JML Cup, the State must obtain the lowest total of points gained in all sport events at the Australian Deaf Games held under the auspices of Deaf Sports Australia;
5. The points achieved for each team are equal to the placing in the race ie. 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points etc.
6. Where a State has a sport team that does not have the required number of players to make a team but include sport players from other States, known as Combined team. Combined teams are only eligible for points if they have at least 51% or more players in the team from their State.
7. In determining the finishing positions of scoring members of scoring teams, the race/event result will be adjusted so that the finishing positions of non-scoring members of scoring team and members of non-scoring teams shall be eliminated.
8. If two or more competitors or teams tie for any place, the points for the places concerned shall be aggregated and divided equally amongst the competitors involved in the tie.
9. The winning team will be the state, which scores the least number of points by aggregating the positions in which its first four scoring members finish.
10. In the case of a tie on points, the team whose fourth scoring member finished nearer to first place shall be declared the winner. If placing remain equal this principle applies to the third scoring member, and so on, until a winner is obtained.
11. Athletes representing overseas teams will be eliminated from the team scoring process.

For example:

x A netball team from ACT has 5 players and includes 4 players from other



State; therefore this meets the Combined team eligibility for points.

x If this same team has 4 players from ACT and 4 players from other State, this

Combined team will not meet the eligibility criteria of getting points.

NB:

State\* - refers to both State and Territory

12. The number of points awarded depends largely on the number of State entries in the particular sports. The bottom State on the ladder is assured of the maximum number of points, the State above it shall receive one less point of the maximum number of points and so forth.

- No points should be awarded to any team who comes last but does not finish the competition.
- If a State sends more than one team for a particular sport, they must nominate which team shall be eligible to receive points for the Cup.

For example:

Netball

Queensland A\* 4

Western Australia 2

Victoria A\* 1

New Zealand 0

Queensland B 0

Victoria B 0

\* nominated teams for the JML Cup

13. A team not entering a particular sport shall receive no points. No points shall be awarded to sports that have less than three States being affiliated with Deaf Sports Australia competing.

14. In event of a dead heat, the number of sport wins shall decide the issue. In the event of a further dead heat, the number of second places shall decide the issue.

15. The holder of the Cup shall keep it in good care and immediately prior to the next Games shall hand it over to the following Games Organising Committee.

16. If a person intends to play for a State and they have moved to that State they must have evidence that they have resided in that State for at least the last six months prior to the commencement of the Games.



17. A person who has moved from overseas can play for a State based on the provision of evidence of residing in that State.

18. The cost of engraving, being slight, shall be borne by the winning State.

Under this event based model, each event is counted separately towards the JML Cup and each state has an equal chance of scoring points as long as they enter the individual events.

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