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APS SPORT CRITERIA FOR 'CORE SPORT' STATUS - FINAL

The following recommendations have been established for a Sport to be considered for 'Core sport' status in APS Sport competition:

1. The sport has a governing body, which has set rules and regulations in place that can be used to conduct competition.
2. Interested schools need to have participated in competition run by a governing body or Schools at First level, for a period of two or more consecutive seasons.
3. During this period, the sport needs to have demonstrated growth or maintained sustainability, with competition having six or more schools at First level for Boys and 3 or more schools at Firsts level for Girls participating.
4. At this point, participating schools would assess the sustainability of the sport and see if it can be administered by the APS Sport office. A logistical study (refer requirements, below) would be completed. If deemed viable (ongoing), a proposal would be prepared and submitted to the Delegates Committee. This proposal would recommend the sport be introduced as an APS 'Core Sport' on a two year trial basis (with the APS Sport office to administer the sport).
5. If endorsed by a majority vote at Delegates Committee level, a Motion would be established for the APS Heads to consider.
6. If approved by the APS Heads, competition for this sport would be offered and run on a trial basis. Rules and regulations from the governing body would be used as a basis for setting up the APS Sport Regulations.
7. A review would be completed at the end of each season to assess the success of the new sport. Providing the competition remained sustainable during the two year trial period, a further recommendation could be made for the sport to become a permanent offering and hold premiership status (as per General Regulations, eight Boys/four Girls or more Firsts teams would have to be participating).
8. If the number of competing schools drops to five Boys/two Girls or less in Firsts the sport may lose its core sport status.

Prior to recommending a sport for core sport status:

A Working Party of Delegates would be nominated to complete a **logistical study** prior to introduction, looking at:

- Availability of resources, venues/ facilities and referees
- The feasibility of the Sport remaining popular and viable over time (growth)
- How the introduction of a new sport will impact other long standing sports
- The cost of the sport to schools involved (ie. uniforms, equipment, coaches)
- Inherent risk assessment
- Additional cost to the APS Sport office
- Support of the sport's governing body to run a stand-alone competition.

Administration of a new sport requires:

- APS Sport to produce Fixtures (Home & Away or Central venue/s)
- APS Sport develop and maintain Regulations
- APS Sport manage Weekly Results and Ladders
- If played at school venues, coordination of Umpires/Referees to be arranged by home school
- If played at a central venue:
 - APS Sport request Bookings/Hire
 - APS Sport arrange provision of First Aid
 - APS Sport to access and arrange Umpires/Referees
- APS Sport to conduct an annual Review

The APS Heads can consider having APS Sport add and provide the administration for a new sport into their 'Core Sport' program once the abovementioned criteria have been achieved.