

Indian Rim Asian University Eligibility of Competitors Policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy outlines the IRAUG eligibility requirements of competitors in order to provide clarification for student participants and participating universities. It is the student participant's and participating university's responsibility to ensure that all athletes are eligible to attend and compete in IRAUG.

2. Who is Eligible?

- 2.1 A student, in order to be eligible to compete in an IRAUG event, for the duration of the event must:
- (a) be a **currently enrolled student*** or enrolled as a student this calendar year
 - (b) be proceeding towards a certificate or higher award offered by the participating university as recognized by the governing educational body of that student's country and as is listed in the relevant legislation of the participating university of which they are a student.
 - (c) be able to prove their identity, and must be able to prove their enrolment if requested
 - (d) be covered by personal accident / injury insurance
 - (e) have authorisation from the participating university that the student is eligible to compete
 - (f) accept the terms and conditions of the IRAUG Participation Agreement
- 2.2 For the purpose of defining a **currently enrolled student** the following clarifications shall apply:
- (a) a student under a designated exchange scheme between an overseas university and the participating university is eligible
 - (b) a student who is enrolled for an award at one university but is studying at another is said to be doing complementary work at the second university and is only eligible to represent the university at which the student is enrolled for an award.
- 2.3 A person is not considered or ceases to be considered a currently enrolled student for the purposes of participating at an IRAUG event, if the person:
- (a) Immediately discontinues, suspends or postpones study*, or
 - (b) Has completed studies or graduated from the participating university more than six months prior to the day of commencement of the Games, or
 - (c) Six months following the submission of a post-graduate thesis, or
 - (d) Is an enrolled student who is yet to commence study or recommence study after discontinuing, suspending or postponing study.

*** Extenuating Circumstances:**

IRAUG recognises that there may be extenuating circumstances where an elite athlete suspends or postpones study due to representing their country on the world stage of sport. An application for special eligibility status for an elite athlete wishing to compete at an IRAUG event may be submitted to the IRAUG Games Manager by the participating university of which the athlete is/was a student for consideration. The conditions for successful consideration are that:

- The athlete has represented their country,
- The reason for deferment was solely to represent their country,
- There is intention to recommence study in the immediate future,
- The athlete competes in the sport that they represented their country in, and
- The application includes a copy of the deferment information and a declaration from the athlete that they will be returning to study in the immediate future.

3. Procedures at IRAUG Events

- 3.1 Proof of Identity – The competitor will be required to produce appropriate photographic identification such as the official student identification/card, driver's licence or Proof of Age card when requested by IRAUG event personnel at accreditation and their IRAUG event accreditation card prior to each competition.
Should a competitor's eligibility be questioned, the competitor and participating university which this person is representing must be able to produce proof of their enrolment within 24 hours.
- 3.2 Insurance – The competitor or all persons entered into the IRAUG event must be covered by personal accident / injury insurance. The participating university may have coverage for the athletes representing their university or the individuals may be required to take out their own personal accident insurance.
- 3.3 Eligibility Authentication – Eligibility to represent a participating university in a competition conducted under the jurisdiction of IRAUG, shall be restricted to persons listed on a fully completed Team Entry Form which has been presented to the IRAUG Games Manager by the time and date specified by IRAUG, provided that the person listed can at all times throughout the competition prove their identity.

- 3.4 When an Entry Form has been received and processed by the organiser for the IRAUG event, eligibility is deemed to be finalised.
- 3.5 A completed Entry Form is one which states:-
- a) The sport for which the entry form applies, plus
 - b) Each person's first name, surname, student ID number and gender, plus
 - c) The total number of persons listed, and
 - d) Is signed by the participating university's Executive Officer or his/her nominee i.e. University Team Manager
- 3.6 The IRAUG Games Manager may require that the participating university provide details of management personnel (coaches, managers or sports medicine personnel) and other details of the participants entering the competition.
- 3.7 All participants (competitors and management personnel) representing the participating university at the IRAUG event must complete, sign and submit prior to the commencement of competition, an IRAUG Participation Agreement. Failure to do so may result in the participant not being permitted to compete or participate in the IRAUG event.

4. Penalties for Breaches of Eligibility

In a circumstance where it is discovered that a competitor within an IRAUG event is found to be not eligible as outlined in this guideline, the following penalties will be implemented:

- a) Person NOT Eligible
 - i) Team Sport:
If a person listed or not listed on a Team Entry Form is subsequently found not to be eligible, then the team which the person was to compete in, or did compete in, shall forfeit the games in which this person competed in the competition.
 - ii) Individual Sport:
If a person listed or not listed on an Entry Form is subsequently found not to be eligible then the team which the person was to compete in, or did compete in, shall be disqualified from the competition.
- b) Person Eligible but not listed on the Entry Form
 - i) Team Sport (with non-quantifiable contribution):
If, in a team sport where the contribution of an individual participant is not quantifiable, the team uses a person who is eligible but not listed on the eligibility form or plays someone using the name of someone else who is listed on the eligibility form, then the team shall forfeit the game in which the breach was discovered and any other games in which the said player or person's name was recorded on a score/team sheet.
 - ii) Team sport (with quantifiable contribution):
If, in a team sport i.e. tennis, badminton, the team uses a person who is eligible but not listed on the eligibility form, then the team shall forfeit twice the number of rubbers in which the said player or person's name was recorded on a score/team sheet.
 - iii) Individual Sport:
If a person who is eligible but not listed on the eligibility form or a person who is eligible but uses the name of someone else who is listed on the eligibility form, competes in a non-team event, then twice the number of points scored by that person will be deducted from the team's overall score. Events in which the ineligible person competed will not be re-scored.
- c) Intentional Breach:
In a circumstance where a participant is not eligible to compete, and where a student and/or participating university are believed to have intentionally breached this eligibility guideline, the participant will be disqualified from the competition and if the participant is within a team sport, the team will be disqualified from the competition. In addition, an intentional breach will be viewed as bringing IRAUG into disrepute and a breach of the IRAUG Code of Behaviour may be submitted.