

Indian Rim Asian University Games Gender Policy

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The Indian Rim Asian University Games (IRAUG) aims to provide equal opportunities for men and women to participate in the Games. IRAUG will be pro-active in order that this aim is fulfilled and it will also lobby participating universities to maximise the opportunities for men and women to participate in sporting competition in the Games.

IRAUG recognises its obligations under Australian Federal and Western Australian State Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity legislation not to discriminate against Games participants on the basis of gender. IRAUG will not restrict entry to sports to any one gender except where strength, stamina or physique of the competitor is relevant to the sport.

IRAUG will implement rules, regulations and policies in relation to gender where these are available and in line with anti-discrimination laws. IRAUG recognises only gender divisions used by National Sporting Organisations which may be 'men's', 'women's', 'open' and/or 'mixed' depending on the particular sport. Participation in a 'men's' division is restricted to male students, participation in a women's' division is restricted to female students, participation in an 'open' division is unrestricted to gender and participation in a 'mixed' division is restricted to the proportion of male and female students as prescribed in the rules of the particular sport.

Action to be taken

This policy will be effective immediately except with those sports that require changes to the sports specific rules and regulations. The advice given to participation universities will provide an interpretation of the policy and possible ramifications for each sport.

IRAUG will monitor participating universities and National Sporting Organisations in relation to gender so as to ensure that IRAUG sport divisions are consistent with the policies in place for participating universities and National Sporting Organisations.