

Indian Rim Asian University Games Policy for People with Disabilities

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Sport plays an important role in university life. Indian Rim Asian University Games (IRAUG) is of the belief that people with disabilities have the same rights to access opportunities to participate in university sport as all other students. IRAUG also recognises that not all people with disabilities can be fully integrated into the sports available for participation as part of the Games.

1. Policy Statement

IRAUG aims to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in university sport. IRAUG will wherever possible draw expertise from the appropriate National Sporting Organisation (NSO), participating universities and relevant disability organisations to maximise opportunities for people with disabilities wishing to compete in the Games.

IRAUG, where possible in consultation with appropriate National Sporting Organisations, participating universities and disability organisations will determine opportunities on a sport by sport basis.

This is achieved by addressing the following areas:

- Determine the interest/demand from people with disabilities in the enrolled in participating universities as a means of assessing the need to provide opportunities to participate on a sport by sport basis
- Determine the available expertise amongst the appropriate organisations that deal with people with disabilities and what assistance they may be able to provide
- Discussion within the IRAUG Staff Team and Tertiary Sports W.A. Council to determine the capability/capacity of the Games to cater for people with disabilities. This includes issues of the accessibility of facilities utilised by people with disabilities
- Pending a review of entrants to determine the total number of disabled entrants and subsequently the establishment of evidence of demand for Games disability access, an audit of facilities will be conducted, taking into consideration entrances, signage, toilets and equipment.

2. Actions to be Taken

- IRAUG staff and participants are to be advised that this policy will be effective immediately
- If it is deemed to be necessary following an entrant review, IRAUG will develop processes to measure and evaluate the success of integrating people with disabilities into the Games
- IRAUG will facilitate links with appropriate disability organisations should there be any disabled entrants in order to provide the most appropriate facilities and policy.