

Exemption from Activity Information

The School Sport Australia (SSA) General Policies and Guidelines state that all students selected in teams to attend a SSA Championship, must attend for the duration of the event and must participate in all programmed activities during the event, unless they provide a medical certificate confirming their inability to participate.

Programmed activities include; the Opening Ceremony, all competition games/matches/rounds, the Educational Excursion, Leadership Sessions, National Sporting Organisation led information sessions and the Closing Ceremony.

School Sport ACT (SSACT) abides by the requirements outlined in this policy, but understands there may be other circumstances that prevent a student from attending all programmed activities.

Students wishing to apply for an Exemption from Activity must submit an application form (found in Forms <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au>) **prior to departure for their respective Championship**. The submission must be made to both the Team Manager and the Executive Officer of SSACT. Approval of a submission will be made on a case by case basis.

Circumstances for Exemption Consideration;

- Students who are in a National Sporting Organisation endorsed program and have a conflicting schedule or pathway event (school or club based sporting commitments will not be exempt). The conflicting commitment must be in the same sport of the Championship from which they are seeking exemption.
- A school sanctioned vocational program or activity which has repercussions for non-attendance, such as an Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASBA).
- The student is attending the SSA Swimming Championship and their events are finalised **after** the Educational Excursion day but **prior** to the Closing Ceremony, (this would require the student to travel and be accommodated with a parent not with team officials).
- An extenuating family circumstance such as a family member illness, requirement of treatment etc.
- An exemption may be considered for the opening ceremony, excursion day or closing ceremony. Additional consideration would have to be made if a game were to be missed.

Note: If a change to activity results in a no opt-out team flight booking being cancelled or changed the student/family will incur the cost of the change.

Non-Compliance

If an Exemption Application Form is not submitted prior to departure, or an application is denied, and the student does not attend all programmed activities for their respective Championship, one of the following sanctions will be imposed;

- If a student misses the Opening Ceremony, a competition game/fixture or Educational Excursion activity/session, without an application submitted, **they will not be able to play for the next two competition games/fixtures**.
- If a student misses the last competition game/fixture or Closing Ceremony, without an application submitted, **they will not be able to represent the ACT** at any SSA Championships the following year.