

SPORT CATEGORISATION

The High Performance system uses Sport Categorisation as a national framework to identify those sport programs most likely to contribute to Australia's high performance targets. Sport Categorisation includes three levels that are ranked primarily on past performance and future potential criterion at international benchmark events. Every 2 years sport programs are reviewed by the AIS and NIN partners against this criterion and categorised accordingly.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	LVL	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	SPORT PROGRAMS
Foundation	Sports with a strong record of achieving multi-medal or consistent team medals at Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games AND considered highly likely they will continue to achieve medal success at these events.	F1	High probability to achieve a gold medal at the Olympic or Paralympics Games in the next two (2) cycles; evidenced by: > medal at two of the past three Olympics (including at least one gold medal) or gold medal at two of the last three Paralympics; > consistently achieved benchmark event targets/milestones and are making good progress against strategic priorities	Olympic: sailing, swimming, winter sports Paralympic: athletics, cycling, swimming, wheelchair rugby
		F2 ¹	Good probability to medal at the Olympic Games or gold medal at Paralympics Games in the next two (2) cycles; evidenced by: > medal in two of the past three Olympics or gold medal at two of the last three Paralympics > did not consistently achieve benchmark event targets/milestones and/or are making some progress against some strategic priorities	Olympic: athletics, basketball (women), cycling, canoeing, diving, equestrian, hockey (men), rugby 7s (women), rowing, shooting, triathlon, water polo (women) Paralympic: winter sports
		F3 ²	High probability to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in the next two (2) cycles; evidenced by: > gold medal at two of the past three Commonwealth Games or world championships (in Commonwealth discipline) > consistently achieved benchmark event targets/milestones.	Commonwealth: netball, bowls, gymnastics, squash
Prospective	Sports with evidence of previous success at Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games, including relevant disciplines at world championships, AND considered to have potential to achieve success within the next one or possibly two cycles.	P1	Potential medal at the next Olympic or Paralympic Games; evidenced by: > medal in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline at a world championships (or equivalent) in the past four years > credible performance profile that indicates a high medal potential at the next Olympic or Paralympic Games	Olympic: archery, boxing, golf, hockey (women), modern pentathlon, skate, softball, surfing Paralympic: archery, canoeing, equestrian, rowing, shooting, table tennis, triathlon, wheelchair basketball (men),
		P2	A medal prospect within the next two (2) cycles at the Olympic or Paralympic Games; evidenced by: > a top-four to eight finish in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline at a benchmark event (or equivalent) in the past four yrs > credible performance profile that indicates a high medal potential within the next two (2) Olympic cycles	Olympic: baseball, basketball (men), football (women), rugby 7s (men), taekwondo, volleyball (beach), water polo (men) Paralympic: boccia, wheelchair basketball (women)
		P3 ³	Potential gold medal at the next Commonwealth Games; evidenced by: > medal at the Commonwealth Games or world championships (in Commonwealth discipline) in the past four years > credible performance profile that indicates a high gold-medal potential at the Commonwealth Games	Commonwealth: badminton, judo, weightlifting Commonwealth (para): bowls
National	Sports that are eligible to compete at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games AND assessed as being unlikely to contribute to high performance targets in the next two cycles.	N	Did not medal in past three Olympic or Paralympic Games, world championships or Commonwealth Games (gold) and: > current performance profile indicates that these sports will require significant improvement in order to contribute to high performance targets	Olympic: artistic swimming, football (men), table tennis, volleyball (indoor men) Paralympic: goalball

¹ Special consideration for those sports with new disciplines on the Olympic/Paralympic program which can demonstrate podium performance at genuine world championship equivalent level events prior to being included in the Olympic/Paralympic program.

² Sports that are on the Commonwealth Games schedule only and do not have an Olympic/Paralympic profile, or those sports who are on the Olympic/Paralympic and Commonwealth Games schedule with a high probability to win a gold medal at the next Commonwealth Games but are not considered to be a medal prospect within the next two (2) cycles at the Olympic/Paralympic Games.

³ Sports that are supported for Commonwealth Games outcomes, however may also be eligible to participate in the Olympics/Paralympics