

Elite Programs Sub-Committee

SAMMNA – Terms of Reference



Sub Committee Name: Elite Programs Sub-Committee

Chair: The SAMMNA Vice President

Responsible to: SAMMNA Board

Purpose: To support Athlete participation in Elite Programs such as, but not limited to Southern Dragons and Australian Teams.

To have oversight and provide resourcing to all aspects of the Southern Dragons Squad throughout the on and off court preparation for the squad's participation in the AMMNA Championships and any other lead up event (i.e., Bingham Cup)

The squad includes players, umpires, coaches, managers, physios, trainers and any other support personnel travelling to or participating in the AMMNA National Championships

To provide local support to all SA-based Australian representative selected to represent Australia

To appoint additional members to the Tour Management Group who will provide day to day running of squad under direction of the sub-committee. Whilst on tour, the Tour Management Group will be the main body representing SAMMNA.

Authority: To plan and run all Southern Dragon squad related activities for the preparation of the athletes, provide recommendations to the SAMMNA Board for Player, Coach, Manager and Umpire appointments and selections.

Timeframes, Reporting and Deadlines:

- The sub-committee will meet no less than once per month and possibly more frequently closer to any upcoming tour dates and are to report to the SAMMNA Board Monthly
- The sub-committee will provide a written report to the Board within one month of the conclusion of the annual tour. The report will be tabled for the Members at the AGM each year.
- Key dates and activities
 1. All positions that comprise this sub-committee will be reappointed at a board meeting after the conclusion of the Tour.

2. The Terms of Reference and Position Descriptions for Appointed Members will be reviewed at the first sub-committee following reappointment
3. Prepare a calendar of all events and timelines managed by the group with milestones set prior to the Board meeting in which they require consultation/approval (i.e., if Dragons selections are set for September, then in June all selectors approached, venue confirmed, advertising ready to go, plan submitted to the Board at the July meeting for approval before finalising)

Composition:

- Consists of at least 3 members from the SAMMNA Board, and additional independent members as required, who are best suited to grow the Southern Dragons brand in SA and Nationally
- The sub-committee will be appointed annually by the SAMMNA Board
- The members may be from the SAMMNA Board or not
- Members should be suited to grow the Southern Dragons brand in SA and Nationally

Appointed Reports to the Sub-Committee (to be known as the Tour Management Group):

Appointed positions will be managed by the sub-committee and report to the sub-committee. Appointed positions must aspire to not be current players, coaches, managers, officials, etc so to allow for independent and timely responses when touring.

Appointed positions **must** have a Position Description and shall/could include the below positions:

- Tour Director (Mandatory)
- Head of Coaching (Mandatory)
- Head of Physiotherapy (Recommended)
- Athlete Welfare Coordinator (Recommended)
- Umpire Coordinator (As required)
- Other portfolio's (As required)

Specific Areas of Responsibility:

- Coordinate the trial process including the appointment of suitable selectors
- Submit team placement recommendations to the SAMMNA Board for approval prior to announcement.
- Ensure that squad needs are met in the areas of:
 - Training venues, facilities and equipment
 - Tour affordability – costings, sponsorship, scholarships and fundraising support.
 - Uniforms, accommodation and travel required for the tour
 - Access to any additional support for player welfare services.
 - Support for team staff as required to assist in management of player concerns, behaviour and disciplinary matters.
- Call for SAMMNA Scholarship Athletes applications
- Keep Association records related to State Representation up to date (i.e., player numbers, games played, etc)
- Ensure that Australian representatives are supported when undertaking in-state training prior to touring with AMMNA Teams

- Liaise with other sub-committee or the SAMMNA Board to achieve these responsibilities

Other Resources:

- Upon application to the SAMMNA Board the committee can access funds additional to those raised by player payments for their tournament preparation and attendance if and when required to support the tour