



## **Australian Government**

### **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

#### **INFORMATION FOR REQUESTS BY SPORTING BODIES TO USE THE COMMONWEALTH COAT OF ARMS**

The Commonwealth Coat of Arms is the formal symbol of the Commonwealth of Australia that signifies Commonwealth authority and ownership. The Commonwealth Coat of Arms is used by Australian Government departments and agencies, statutory and non-statutory authorities, the Parliament and Commonwealth courts and tribunals.

Australian representative national sporting teams participating in international competitions may seek the Australian Government's permission to display the Arms on their uniforms. The following guidelines apply:

- Only teams recognised by the Australian Sports Commission may be permitted to use the Arms, or where after consultation with the Commission, the Minister or his or her delegate is satisfied that it is appropriate for a team to receive permission.
- Permission, where granted, will allow the Arms to be displayed by representative sports persons on their playing and dress uniforms and by accompanying officials on their dress uniforms.
- The name and the dates of the competition must be shown immediately under the Arms on the dress and playing uniforms.
- No advertising material or sponsorship must be shown near the Arms. No material must be shown above the Arms.
- Each approval is for one competition only. However, approval may be given for more than one competition where competitions of a like kind occur within a short period of time or sequentially within a given overseas tour.
- Each request will be dealt with on a case by case basis and requests will usually only be considered within four months of the commencement date of the competition.

Requests must be made in writing by an authorised officer of the team and must supply the following information:

- The name of the team.
- The location, dates and the name of the competition.

Please address applications for permission to use the Arms, and inquiries, to:

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