



Sport Inclusion
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The Lord's Taverners Shield Guide



The Lord's Taverners Shield – Cricket Australia (formerly with AICF)

In early 1993, Sport Inclusion Australia, formerly AUSRAPID, approached Australian Indoor Cricket Federation, AICF, and a National event for players with an intellectual disability was initiated.

AICF was the first National Sporting Organisation to really embrace the concept of inclusion and include an event for people with an intellectual disability alongside their National Open event.

Sport Inclusion Australia personnel met with Keith Lewis from the Lord's Taverners Australia and they agreed to fund the inaugural event and so the Lord's Taverners Shield commenced. Sport Inclusion Australia Member Organisations also worked hard with State Indoor Cricket bodies to ensure teams were selected and prepared for the Event – four States were represented in the first year: New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and Victoria.

The Champions of the Lord's Taverners philosophy have continued the sponsorship and commitment over the past 23 years, which has ensured its continuity and success.

The work the Lord's Taverners Australia and its branches continue to do in making sport accessible to all Australians is outstanding and we applaud them.

The Australia Indoor Cricket Federation, AICF, now Cricket Australia, has been fantastic in their ongoing support of the event for the past 23 years and Sport Inclusion Australia has showcased the Lord's Taverners Shield (Indoor Cricket) model to initiate many other national events – Ivor Burge Championships, Australian Tennis Championships, Australian Bowls Open to name a few.

These events and successful programs have been the catalyst behind other National Sport becoming more inclusive.

Year	Venue	State	Winner	Participating States
1993	Knox	Victoria	Victoria	VIC, NSW, WA, SA
1994	Toombul	Queensland	Western Australia	VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NSW
1995	Toombul	Queensland	Victoria	VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NSW
1996	Knox	Victoria	Victoria	VIC, SA, NSW, NT, WA, QLD
1997	Camden Park	South Australia	Victoria	VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NSW, TAS, NT
1998	Parklands	Queensland	Victoria	SA, NSW, VIC, NT, TAS, QLD
1999	Toombul	Queensland	Victoria	SA, NSW, VIC, WA, TAS, QLD
2000	Toombul	Queensland	Queensland	NSW, WA, VIC, QLD
2001	Windsor Gardens	South Australia	Queensland	QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA
2002	Knox	Victoria	Queensland	QLD, VIC, SA, WA
2003	Knox	Victoria	Queensland	QLD, WA, VIC, NSW, SA
2004	Windsor Gardens	South Australia	Victoria	QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA
2005	Modbury	South Australia	Queensland	QLD, VIC, SA, WA
2006	Liverpool	New South Wales	Queensland	QLD, NSW, SA, VIC, WA
2007	Toowoomba	Queensland	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW
2008	Ipswich	Queensland	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC
2009	Darra	Queensland	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC
2010	Silverwater	New South Wales	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC
2011	Ballajura	Western Australia	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC
2012	Springvale	Victoria	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC
2013	Strathpine	Queensland	Queensland	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC, ACT
2014	Werribee	Victoria	Victoria	QLD, WA, SA, NSW, VIC, ACT
2015	Strathpine	Queensland	Queensland	QLD, VIC, SA, NSW



The Lord's Taverners Australia

The Lord's Taverners Australia was formed in 1982 as an autonomous organisation with a national executive and branches in all states and territories.

Collectively the Australian branches have raised in excess of \$12m in cash and kind.

The Lord's Taverners Australia, a benevolent association whose mission, through subscriptions, sponsorship, fundraising activities and donations is to give young people, particularly those with special needs, the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation.

The Lord's Taverners Australia is a national body comprised of a council which meets yearly to formulate policy and from time to time to give guidance to the State and Territory branches. Representatives from these branches sit on the National Council together with the other office bearers usual in an organisation such as ours.

Each State and Territory has its own President, Chairman, Hon Secretary, Treasurer and Committee. Each Committee, meets on a regular basis and acting within broad national guidelines a desire to contribute to and raise money for the young, especially those who are disadvantaged or with a disability but is free to implement their own program in seeking to fulfil locally defined objectives.

Sport Inclusion Australia

Sport Inclusion Australia is a national organisation established in 1986 to increase the sporting and recreational opportunities for all people with integration difficulties within Australia.

Sport Inclusion Australia endeavours to provide people with integration difficulties, primarily those with an intellectual disability the opportunity to pursue their sporting and recreational interests, focusing on the ability and choice of each individual, based on social inclusion principles.

A major aim of Sport Inclusion Australia is to liaise with national sporting and recreational organisations to promote and assist build the capacity of their organisations to include programs for people with a disability.

Sport Inclusion Australia does not conduct events, but rather advocates for the inclusion and development of programs/events from local to international level, ensuring athletes are afforded the same opportunities as their able bodied peers.

Sport owns sport for all Australians, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or ability

Sport Inclusion Australia has partnered with Australian Sport over the past 29 years with outstanding success – in Indoor Cricket, Cricket, Basketball, Athletics, Swimming, Australian Rules Football, Tennis, School Sport, Gymnastics, Cycling, Table Tennis, Bowls, Netball, Ten Pin, Sailing to name a few.

The models where National, State and local sporting organisations have included events for people with a disability highlight to the wider sporting community that sport should own and deliver sport to ALL Australians with the focus on ability.



ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSIFICATION

To compete in The Lord's Taverners Shield a player must have an intellectual disability and it must be verified through an eligibility process. The eligibility process has been introduced to promote classification within Australia and to ensure a level and fair playing field.

Sport Inclusion Australia administers this national/international eligibility process.

Defining intellectual disability:

"Intellectual Disability is a disability characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills. This disability originates before the age of 18"

The Primary Eligibility Criteria

Based upon the definition above, the Sport Inclusion Australia Primary Eligibility Criteria to compete in intellectual disability sport is:

1. Significant impairment in intellectual functioning, which is defined as a full IQ score of 75 or lower.
2. Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills. This is defined as performance that is at least 2 standard deviations below the mean of, either:
 - a. One of the following 3 types of adaptive: conceptual, social, or practical skills.
 - b. An overall score on a standardised measure of conceptual, social and practical skills.
3. Intellectual disability must be evident during the developmental period, which is from conception to 18 years of age.

Athletes must meet all 3 elements of the criteria to be eligible for consideration for having an intellectual disability

