



The Lord's Taverners Shield



Congratulations to Victoria Lord's Taverners Team in 2014

Indoor Cricketers who just happen to have an intellectual disability



History

In early 1993, AUSRAPID approached Australian Indoor Cricket Federation (AICF) and a National event for players with an intellectual disability ensued. A meeting was held with Keith Lewis Lord's Taverners Australia and the event became the Lord's Taverners Shield in 1994.

AICF was the first Australian Sporting Organisation to really embrace the concept of inclusion and include an event for people with an intellectual disability alongside their National Open event. With the unwavering and generous financial support of The Lord's Taverners Australia and branches, The Lord's Taverners Shield has just celebrated its 22nd year and the contribution has exceeded \$500,000. Over the course of the Lord's Taverners Shield this sponsorship has helped the lives of a staggering 320 men and 6 women with an intellectual disability.

One of the common objectives of AUSRAPID and its Member Organisations has been to improve the lives of people with an intellectual disability by using sport as the medium to link them with the community – focusing on their ability, lessening the previous historical evidence of individuals being ostracized and forgotten, enhancing their skills and educating the Community of their immense value and worth.

AUSRAPID has been able to showcase events such as the Lord's Taverners Shield to other sporting organisations, which has provided the catalyst for other inclusive events being initiated. These events conducted alongside mainstream events highlight to the wider sporting community that sport should own and deliver sport to ALL Australians with the focus on ability.

In 1998, AICF included a demonstration match at the Indoor Cricket World Cup. Two Australian teams played in a game – Australia Green versus Australia Gold. This match was filmed and promoted to other countries in a bid to commence at International event.



AUSRAPID is a national sporting organisation which represents the needs of athletes with integration difficulties, primarily those with an intellectual disability and we work with National Sporting Organisations to assist them include programs within their sporting structure for people with a disability, based on social inclusion principles.

AUSRAPID does not conduct events, but rather advocates for the inclusion and development of programs/events from local to international level, which focus on the ability and choice of the individual 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

Eligibility

To compete in National and nominated State Events; athletes must meet certain criteria;

1. Significant impairment in Intellectual functioning; (IQ of 75 or below)
2. Significant limitations in adaptive behavior;
3. Disability evident prior to the age of 18.

AUSRAPID and member organizations play a key role in this process.

www.ausrapid.org.au/contentpages/eligibility

Organisation and Cost Rationalisation

In the early stages of the Lord's Taverners Shield AUSRAPID organized the airfares, accommodation and nationally coordinated the State/Territory teams, but as the years have passed AUSRAPID oversees eligibility, works closely with the Lord's Taverners organisations and Cricket Australia and assists new States where needed, however everything else is managed by the State/Territory Indoor Cricket bodies.



Prices continued to increase and state teams were finding it difficult to still meet their overall costs, so in fairness to the teams travelling the furthest distance it was agreed in 2002 that the Lord's Taverners sponsorship would be cost rationalized. Please note that not all funds come into the national pool for dissemination.

Policy has been that host states get slightly less and extra assistance is given to States travelling the furthest distance and where possible some support is given to new State/Territories, as has been the case with ACT in the past two years.

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 The Lord's Taverners Shield

The 2015 Lord's Taverners Shield will be held from 26th July-1st August 2015 at Indoor Sports Strathpine, Queensland. This will mark 23 years of competition with the highlight of the event being the spirit in which it is played – an example to all athletes.

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