



## **ACC All Stars**

It is the policy of the Associated and Catholic Colleges to recognize outstanding individual achievement in the three major carnivals through the provision of **Honorary All Star** teams. These teams are referred to as "**All Star**" as an acknowledgement of individual selection where teams and individuals do not actually play in competitions. Previous to 2013 these teams were titled "Representative Teams". "All Star" teams are selected in <u>athletics</u>, <u>swimming</u> and <u>cross country</u>. The team is an "All ACC" honorary team consisting of the best performer(s) in each event across all schools and divisions within the association.

#### **ACC Letters**

First introduced in 2013, the awarding of "ACC Letters" is the highest individual accolade awarded by the ACC. To receive "Letters", a student must be selected in an All Star team in the same sport for a minimum of four years. The number of years does not have to be consecutive, but the years are not cumulative across sports.

### Students with Disabilities

In 2017 the ACC introduced the No Limits program and classified events for SWD's were introduced at the athletics divisional carnivals. In 2018 this was expanded to include the divisional swimming and mainstream ACC Cross Country.

The ACC follows the disability classification guidelines of the Paralympics and national sport bodies for swimming and athletics.

The ACC No Limits program is designed to provide equal opportunity for SWD's so that they have access to compete at mainstream carnivals.

The No Limits program is also designed to provide aspirational pathways for SWD's to become involved in sport on a regular basis and strive to reach their full potential.

## **ACC All Star policy for SWD**

ACC All Star teams and qualification for ACC Letters is <u>only available</u> to SWD's that have a sport classification in swimming or athletics.

The intent of the All Stars program is to recognize outstanding individual achievement in a sport and that similar recognition for SWD's should be reserved for classified competitors competing at divisional/mainstream carnivals.

SWD's at Inclusion Carnivals will receive recognition with medallions for first place getters and also ribbons and certificates for all participants. The philosophy of the ACC Inclusion Carnivals is "participation based" and give any student with a disability the opportunity to represent their school in an inclusive carnival.

Participation at the Inclusion Carnivals should be reserved for students whose disabilities may hinder their inclusion in mainstream school based or inter-school sporting events.

SWD's that are capable of representing their schools at a mainstream carnival are encouraged to do so and the No Limits classification events now provide equal opportunity for SWD's with a classification to compete at the mainstream ACC carnivals.

#### Classification

Classification process should be commenced early if you wish for your students to compete at the ACC Athletic carnivals. Great opportunities are available for any athletes that are classified and wishing to be a part of your mainstream interschool carnival. Please use below link for Athletics classification.

Note: Students only require a "Provisional" level of classification to compete at the ACC Carnivals

# **Getting started: Classifying Students for ACC Athletics**

Classification: Athletics Classification link for all disabilities: <a href="http://athletics.com.au/Para-athletics">http://athletics.com.au/Para-athletics</a>