

Education, Training and Careers in Sport and Recreation in Tasmania

A variety of career paths exist in the sport and recreation industry and there are a wide range of courses available to educate people on these careers. It is also important for people in volunteer positions to undertake training courses to enhance the management capacity of sport and recreation clubs and organisations.

A range of providers across Tasmania offer education and training opportunities that provide the necessary qualifications for entry into careers within the sport and recreation industry. These qualifications come under the following headings:

- Vocational education and training
- Coaching and officiating
- Club administration and management

Vocational education and training courses

The SIS and SIS10 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Packages offer flexible, national qualifications developed by the sport and recreation industry to ensure quality training outcomes that meet current and emerging vocational skill needs within the industry.

Within Tasmania, nationally endorsed sport and recreation training packages are delivered by a number of registered training organisations (RTOs).

Community recreation

The community recreation sector includes opportunities in a variety of settings characterised by a community base for service provision.

A Certificate III in Aquatics and Community recreation is available. This qualification is suitable for those working in aquatic facilities and environments and recreation facilities. The qualification provides a pathway to work as a swimming teacher, pool life guard or recreation leader.

Outdoor recreation

The outdoor recreation area covers participation in activities in the natural environment.

Certificates II to IV in, and a diploma of, outdoor recreation can be completed and could lead to a career as an adventure guide or an outdoor recreation leader, for example.

Fitness

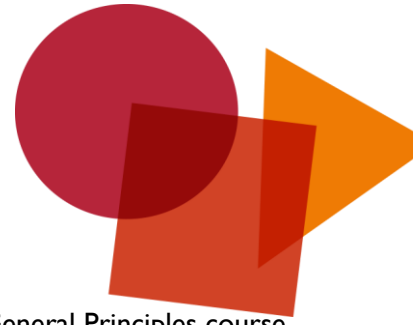
The fitness sector provides services and programs that develop physical fitness and health through physical activity and/or a healthy lifestyle.

Certificates III to IV in Fitness can be completed, along with a Diploma of Fitness which could lead to a career as a class instructor, personal trainer or rehabilitation trainer, for example.

Sport

The sport qualifications cover a broad range of

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areas including sport and recreation, sport development, sport coaching, sport officiating, sports trainer and sport career oriented participation.

Certificates I to IV and a Diploma of Sport and Recreation can be completed. These qualifications provide skills to work primarily in administrative areas of the sport or community recreation industry such as customer service assistant, recreation officer, facilities coordinator or centre manager.

A Certificate IV and Diploma of Sport Development are available. Completion of these certificates could lead to positions such as sports development officer, program coordinator or talent development manager.

Certificates II to IV and a Diploma in Sport Coaching; Certificate III in Sport Officiating; and Certificate II in Sports Trainer are available for those interested in pursuing a coaching, officiating or sports trainer role.

For those individuals looking to pursue a career as an athlete there is a Certificate II and II in Sports Career Oriented Participation.

Where can I get more information?

For information about training packages and which RTOs offer sport and recreation training packages visit www.myskills.gov.au

Coaching and officiating courses

The Training and Business Company run Beginning and Intermediate General Principles Coaching courses as well as presenter, assessor and mentor courses.

Where can I get more information?

For more information on coaching, assessor, mentoring and presenter courses, please visit www.tandbc.com.au or contact the Training and Business Company on (03) 6228 3555.

The Beginning Coaching General Principles course is available to complete for free online at https://www.sportaus.gov.au/coaches_and_officials/coaches

For more information on officiating and sport specific coaching courses contact the relevant state sporting organisation directly.

Club administration and management

Recognising that volunteers involved in sporting clubs have very specific roles and skill requirements, Sport Australia has developed a number of resources to support the development and management capacity of sporting clubs.

Where can I get more information?

For more information visit the Club Development page on Sport Australia's website https://www.sportaus.gov.au/club_development

Useful links:

The following websites provide more information about training opportunities, qualification requirements and careers.

- National Register on Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Australia: www.training.gov.au
- Information regarding Registered Training Organisations and courses available at:
 - My Skills: www.myskills.gov.au
 - Skills Tasmania: www.skills.tas.gov.au
 - Australian Apprenticeships Centre: www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/
 - TAFE Tasmania: www.tastafe.tas.edu.au
 - University of Tasmania: <https://www.utas.edu.au/>
 - Training and Business Company: www.tandbc.com.au