



# Uniform Policy - Obstacle Australia Federation

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistency and professionalism in the appearance of all athletes, coaches, officials and supporters in competitions, training, and at official events. This policy has been put into place to ensure that the integrity of Obstacle Australia and its athletes are maintained at all times.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all athletes, coaches, officials and supporters affiliated with Obstacle Australia, which includes, but is not limited to, ninja, obstacle course racing and adventure racing.

## 3. Obstacle Australia uniforms

Athletes, coaches, officials and supporters become eligible to purchase an Obstacle Australia uniform through a qualification pathway and participating at the event. Qualification pathways include earning the opportunity to compete as an athlete or as an Obstacle Australia coach or official. Obstacle Australia uniforms include Australia Ninja Games, Obstacle Australia, Adventure Racing uniform, and Development Squad uniforms.

Athletes, coaches, officials and supporters must be aware that there are standards and rules that are applied to the wearing of the uniform. By ordering a uniform athletes, coaches, officials and supporters are agreeing to be bound to the standards and rules of Obstacle Australia. These are as follows:

## 4. Purchase of athlete, development squad, coach and official uniforms:

- a) The uniform is ONLY for the athlete, coach or official who qualified.

**Explanation:** You are not permitted to order additional items for family, friends or others. Separate support crew items are available for purchase for support people. Coaches must meet strict criteria, submit this with a checklist and be assessed and approved by Obstacle Australia and will be issued with an Australian coaching shirt to wear. Athletes may choose to have an independent coach or support person with them, and that is within the rules; however, that person is not permitted to wear an Obstacle Australia uniform as they are not an approved Obstacle Australia representative at the event, nor indicate to organisers or spectators that they are an approved Obstacle Australia coaching representative.

- b) The athlete, coach or official must be attending the event.

**Explanation:** To be eligible to order a uniform, the athlete or official must attend the National or International event.

- c) The qualified athlete may purchase any, or all of the items that are available in the specific link provided.

**Explanation:** You may not wear a previous version (unless approved by Obstacle Australia), nor any copy or similar version. Only the approved uniform, from the approved supplier can be worn to represent the Obstacle Australia during competitions.

*The organisation name on the uniform meets the specific world UIPM rules for uniform. Without this, in some official world championship sports, a 10 point or second penalty can be implemented, an athlete may be disqualified and may be suspended from future events. It is important to purchase only the official Obstacle Australia uniform, from the provided link and code.*

## 5. Wearing the uniform:

- a) When participating in events: The uniform must only be worn in Obstacle Australia or World Obstacle sanctioned or approved events.

**Example:** Obstacle Australia uniforms may be worn when training and may be worn at Obstacle Australia sanctioned in-house, local, state or national events. **Refer to the Obstacle Australia calendar of events for sanctioned events.**

*An Obstacle Australia uniform must not be worn at events which are not sanctioned or approved by Obstacle Australia, including attendance as a spectator. This is to ensure the credibility of our members, ensure compliance with our sponsors and corporate partners and to maintain our standards and reputation.*

**Athletes may be granted approval to wear their Obstacle Australia uniform at non-sanctioned events. If you would like to wear your uniform at an event which is not a sanctioned event, please completed and submit this form [at least 14 days prior to the event Request to wear uniform form](https://forms.gle/KedibDQzSS8athzi7) (<https://forms.gle/KedibDQzSS8athzi7>).**

*If you are unsure if an event is sanctioned, or are unsure of the expectations, send email Obstacle Australia so we can confirm for you.*

- b) While wearing an Obstacle Australia uniform, or being affiliated with the Obstacle Australian Federation at an event, athletes and officials must not concurrently wear the mark, emblem or logo of a non-Obstacle Australia, obstacle of ninja sporting body.

**Explanation:** Obstacle Australia is recognised around the world and has worldwide partnerships. It is important that the integrity of Obstacle Australia and its athletes and officials are maintained at all times. Doing this ensures our sport remains reputable and credible. For example, wearing a Spartan shirt and Australian Ninja Games shorts would be permitted and would not require approval as both are Obstacle Australia affiliated organisations.

- c) While wearing the Australian Federation uniform, athletes must act in a responsible and sportsmanlike manner.

**Explanation:** Cursing, swearing, arguing with referees or officials, smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol, taking drugs, engaging in any illegal activity, harassing or degrading others are all prohibited whilst wearing the uniform.

- d) During competition, footwear must be closed-toe with non-slip sole.
- e) The Obstacle Australia uniform must be kept in good repair, must not be defaced and be the correct size.

## 6. Media and social media presence

- a) All interviews and posts relating to your sport, should be in your correctly worn, Obstacle Australia uniform.
- b) Mention and tags to Obstacle Australia should be made where possible and appropriate. Of course you may also mention your home club/s, coaches and support persons as well as your approved Obstacle Australia representatives.

**Explanation:** *We can't go too many places today without some sort of media or social media presence, so we need to be mindful and ready! If you attend a TV, newspaper, or any media interview related to obstacle sport, you should wear your Obstacle Australia uniform and mention and tag Obstacle Australia where possible and appropriate. Doing this ensures our sport remains reputable and credible.*

## 7. Following the policy

Maintaining the integrity of Obstacle Australia aids Australian sport, our athletes, and our supporters. A failure to follow this policy may result in the conduct being referred to the Ethics, Integrity and Legal Officer for consideration. A failure to follow this policy may constitute a breach of the World Obstacle Code of Conduct and/or World Obstacle Code of Ethics. If you are ever unsure or have any questions, please contact Obstacle Australia.

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