



## SOEE MINIMUM STANDARDS Divisioning and Creation of Events for individual sports

1. Firstly, athletes in all finals should be within 15% of each other, based on scores from preliminary events, within a single gender and age group.

If it is not possible to create such a division with at least 3 competitors the following steps be taken, in the order laid out

2. Maintaining the single gender, the option is there to combine with an adjoining age group. In doing this, organisers must be cognisant of the actual age of the competitors \* See notes below

*If unsuccessful*

3. Step 3 above plus adjoining age groups

*If unsuccessful*

4. Increase the % to 20% based on their scores from preliminary events maintaining single gender and age group.

*If unsuccessful*

5. Adjoin more or all age groups.

*If the above is not effective*

6. Increase % up to maximum of 30%

*If the above is not effective*

7. Cross gender, with the combination of age **groups\*** See notes below

8. Cancel the event / move athletes to other events

If it is still not possible to create event, then division to be of 1 or 2 competitors. In this case, where appropriate, two separate divisions could be run together and then awarded separately - to avoid one person being on their own. It should be made clear to those in attendance that this is happening, to avoid confusion.

It may not be possible that relays, due to the nature of entries, would follow the above format. These will be divisioned as fair as possible to provide for fair competition.

\* When combining age groups, consideration should be given to the combination of appropriate ages eg. Not allowing the combination of younger athletes up to 15 with those older aged 16 plus. Some consideration could be given to allowing competition across 3 age groups only in the case of 16-21, 22-29 and 30+ age groups.

Disqualification due to application of the 15% (Maximum Effort) Rule should be applied across the board in all events.

The Head Coach request form can be used to improve an athletes divisioning time/score. It is recommended that coaches bring athletes training records with them. Any appeals will be judged on its merits, by the Sports Rules Committee.