



## MEMBERSHIP

Team Sydney membership runs for 12 months from 01 August to 31 July each year.

### Why Join or Renew?

GLBT sport and recreation is for many a safe, healthy and motivating way for members of the gay community to get together in a supportive environment with other sport-minded people.

Team Sydney's 30+ member clubs hold regular sports activities. There truly is something for everyone.

Team Sydney holds two major events each year:

- **Sports Day Out**, where clubs demonstrate and encourage experimental participation in a range of sports, and
- **Sports Village** at Fair Day, showcasing the ever-popular tug-of-war, various aquatic activities and promotion of all of our clubs.

Team Sydney works with New Mardi Gras and Sydney Pride to co-ordinate sporting and recreational activities as part of those festivals.

Team Sydney has an invigorated board that, through the **Sports Council**, is committed to increasing and broadening the sporting membership in NSW. We affiliate widely with other GLBT organisations within Australia and around the world and we strive to improve communication between clubs and individuals within our sporting community.

Team Sydney encourages **youth** and **women** in our community to become more involved, both through participation in sport and by volunteering to become administrators of sport. We aim to represent people who play sport competitively, are committed to a healthy lifestyle and who take part in their clubs' social and recreational activities.

Since 1982 in San Francisco, the **Gay Games** (run by the Federation of Gay Games - FGG) have been held every four years and hosted by a different city somewhere in the world. Team Sydney works hard with its member clubs, assisting sport and cultural participants and spectators to participate in the Games. Team Sydney co-ordinates any requirements for city-team and/or sport uniform requirements.

In 2006, the 1<sup>st</sup> International **Outgames** was held in Montreal. Run by the Gay & Lesbian International Sports Association (GLISA), the 2<sup>nd</sup> Outgames in 2009 'happens' in Copenhagen and thereafter at 4-yearly intervals at various world cities. GLISA also promotes regional Outgames, examples of which have been held in Chicago and Melbourne.

Additionally, Team Sydney maintains affiliations and friendly relationships with other gay sports bodies. Complete details can be found in this website, < [www.teamsydney.org.au](http://www.teamsydney.org.au) >.

However, the Team Sydney board cannot do this alone. While we are here to support and reflect the needs of our members, **we need those same members to volunteer** some of their time, energy and ideas so that Team Sydney can continue to foster and expand a healthy, alternative gay lifestyle. Regardless of your age, sex, orientation or ethnicity, we want to hear from you.

And especially, **we want you to sign up and be a member** of Team Sydney.

Best regards,  
Wally Salinger, Secretary Sports Council  
Geoffrey Radford, President