

AUSTRALIA

Sport in Australia is very popular. The climate and economy make it enjoyable for Australians to take part in different outdoor activities and watch sports. Surfing is probably the most popular water sport, one can enjoy all year around. Swimming is very popular both in swimming pools, and of course at a large number of Australia's beautiful beaches. Other sports to enjoy include walking, jogging, cycling and much more. In winter time Australia offers great excitement on the snow, with skiing and snowboarding being popular winter sports.

Australian sportsmen show fantastic results in all kinds of international competitions, especially in water sports and team sports.

Statistics say, the most popular sports in 2006-2009 were Australian football, horseracing, rugby, motorsport, cricket, and soccer. The most popular forms of "physical activity" among Australians aged 15 years and over, in 2006-2009 were walking, aerobics/fitness, swimming, golf, tennis, soccer and Australian football. The long history of cricket in Australia makes this kind of sport a "national sport". This is again a popular sport in Australia and the Australian Cricket Team is ranked the Best Cricket Team in the world. Golf is also very popular among the Australians and there are many golf clubs in the city that pays the golf players. Armchair sports fans make Australian football the most watched sport on Australian television.