

To say that Australians are passionate about sports is an understatement. Sport is a big part of Australian life. This is not a surprise when you consider the outdoor lifestyle enjoyed by Australians.

The main sports that play a key role in Australian culture include:

- AFL (Australian Rules Football)
- Rugby (Both league and union)
- Cricket
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Netball
- Cycling
- Baseball

Sport is enjoyed by children and adults of all ages both from a participation and supporter perspective. Access to facilities is generally easy in most Perth suburbs. Most children in Australia learn to swim at an early age.

CHILDREN'S SPORT

Children's sport is particularly well catered for and highly encouraged in schools. There are also local clubs for a variety of sports and in fact it is hard to find a sport that does not have some form of representation. Local councils can provide details of what clubs are available in their area.

Starting with toddlers and children, aged 2.5 to 6 years. As an example, 'Ready Steady Go Kids' runs a program which is physio-designed **multi-sport** activities teaching preschoolers the fundamentals of **10 different sports** which will develop and enhance motor skills in a fun, social, non-competitive and supportive environment.

GOLFERS

Golfers too are well catered for with a huge choice of both public and private courses available. Some private courses can be expensive to join and some may even have a waiting list but most golfers are able to find a suitable club without difficulty be it private or public. There is a good mix of spectacular coastal courses, tranquil bush settings and quality suburban courses.

GYMS

There are many gyms available in Perth offering various types of training. Most have long opening hours and some are even 24/7. Many offer classes in aerobics, Pilates and yoga. Once a residential suburb has been decided upon, or a work location is known, various gym options in that local area can be sought.

BOATING

A licence to operate a boat in WA is a requirement. You must hold a Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST) to operate a recreational vessel with a motor greater than 6hp. In WA you are required to register any recreational vessel that is, or can be, propelled by mechanical power.

Find out more about boating rules [here](#).

FISHING

Perth is great for fishing and it is a widely enjoyed pastime. In WA you are required to have a recreational fishing licence.

Go to the Fishing and Aquaculture tab on [this website](#) to get all the information required. Fishing guides can also be obtained from same website.