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 Brisbane 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 throughout South East Queensland.

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GYMS

There are many gyms available in Brisbane 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

You must have a marine licence to operate a boat that has an engine power greater than 4.5kW in Queensland. To operate a personal watercraft, you must have a recreational marine licence and a personal watercraft licence.

To get a Queensland marine licence, you must:

- be at least 16 years old
- complete and pass a BoatSafe course or have a recognised and valid interstate marine licence.

You can apply for your marine licence at your nearest transport and motoring customer service centre or QGAP office that provides marine licensing services—please call to confirm before visiting.

FISHING

Brisbane is great for fishing – both on the river and the coastal areas, it is a widely enjoyed pastime.

No licence is required for recreational fishing in Queensland tidal waters, but for recreational fishing you may have to obtain a permit to fish in some dams. Recreational fishing is subject to a number of restrictions, including: catch size limits—minimum and/or maximum legal size limits apply for certain species.

Brisbane App
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