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Sport Integrity Australia logo

Sport Integrity Australia commenced operating in July 2020 and is the Australian Government agency responsible for coordinating a national response to address sport integrity issues.

Title text: 3 YEARS ON

OUR ROLE

Keep sport safe and fair at all levels from National Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability to grassroots clubs.

We do this by:

* promoting positive behaviour and
* addressing threats to the integrity of Australian sports.

Keeping children and young people safe in sport is one of our   
top priorities, along with protecting the health and welfare of all participants.

Stakeholder survey

* 96% think Sport Integrity Australia had an overall positive impact on Australia’s sporting community
* 91% trust Sport Integrity Australia as a credible source of information on the integrity of sport

National Integrity Framework

In March 2021, we introduced the National Integrity Framework (NIF), a consistent set of policies and standards outlining peoples’ rights and responsibilities in sport. We have:

* supported more than 100 NSOs in developing and adopting best practice integrity policies
* developed toolkits, guides, resources and training   
  to support sports implement the NIF
* invested $4 million directly into NSOs to employ National Integrity Managers to help embed the NIF into all levels of sport
* supported 19 National Integrity Managers   
  (employed by NSOs) who are working across 30 sports and   
  7 Integrity Support Officers (employed by the Agency) who are working across 25 sports
* invested $2 million to support the NIM Network with training and resources.

Introduced in June 2023 to support the NIF, the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program provides sports with education, training, ongoing support to help them provide safe and inclusive environments for their members. 55 sports interested in signing up so far.

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Independent complaints management

A new Complaints Process means that high risk issues are investigated independent of sports by the agency – this has increased trust in this impartial process by members making complaints.

In the past two years:

* We have managed over 1,200 allegation-based integrity matters since we started.
* Over 70% of these matters related to Child Safeguarding and Member Protection.
* Over 100 matters have resulted in educative action or an investigation.
* Our investigations found 44 substantiated breaches of integrity policies.
* We now receive 40−50 NIF matters a month (complaints and reports).

Under the Safety in Sport Division, we have a Confidential Reporting Scheme and have set up a Safe Sport Hotline to offer members of sport an opportunity to share their stories with us.

Phone: 1800 161 361  
The service is available from 7am–7pm,  
365 days a year by calling 1800 161 361.

Law enforcement

* Over 170 matters have been referred to law enforcement for consideration of action.
* MoUs signed with all state/territory & Commonwealth   
  Law Enforcement agencies
* We’ve held 3 annual Threats to Sports Law Enforcement conferences

“Our partnerships with sport, law enforcement, intelligence, safeguarding and regulatory agencies are crucial to protecting athletes and the integrity of our sports and competitions at home and abroad.”

Anti-doping

We deliver an innovative and informed Anti-Doping Testing program for Australian sport, which is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards. We developed and rolled out the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy to more than 100 NSOs to comply with the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code.

In the 3 years to June 2023:

* 13,666 samples were collected
* 74 positive tests for prohibited substance(s) received from lab
* 38 active positive tests after checks for a valid reason conducted (e.g. TUE) Positive tests from supplements fell from 17 athletes in 2017, to zero in 2022 with the help of education, awareness and policy reform

Education and media

* 270 Clean Sport education experts attended the World Anti-Doping Agency Global Education Conference co-hosted by the agency in Sydney in 2022.
* 209,940 online courses have been completed
* 12,475 people attended face-to-face education sessions
* 19 new and updated courses were developed
* 76,815 people completed Play by the Rules education courses

16,948 mentions of the agency in the media:

* 760 in newspapers
* 9774 online media
* 2556 on TV
* 3846 on radio
* 12 other

Play by the Rules Start to Talk campaign in June/July 2023 resulted in:

* 30,438 broadcasts of the radio community service announcements.
* 10,329 broadcasts of the TV community service announcements (minimum).
* 27 radio interviews.
* Estimated minimum airtime value $1,146,750.