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3.2 Integrity Complaints

SUBJECT / ISSUE

Sport Integrity Australia manages Complaints about Child Safeguarding and Discrimination for sports that are operating under the National Integrity Framework (NIF).

WHAT IS THE STORY TO TELL/KEY POINTS?

- Since Sport Integrity Australia opened in July 2020, we have received over 1300 non-doping integrity matters and made over 170 referrals to law enforcement.
- Following a review into the NIF in early 2023, SIA now focusses our complaint management resources on the most serious and high-risk matters, being safeguarding children and young people and discrimination.
- Sports manage complaints about all other matters, including member protection issues between adults, selection issues, and competition manipulation issues. SIA provides education, training and support to help them manage complaints on these issues, and frequently provides advice to NSOs on individual matters.
- The Integrity Complaints team receives (on average) around 40 new NIF matters per month and has around 70-80 open matters at any given time.
- Around 30% of open NIF matters are under investigation. The remainder are under evaluation or are being managed through education (Category 1 process). Some are also on hold pending action from law enforcement.
- While we cannot manage their Complaints, Sport Integrity Australia continues to support non-NIF sports through other capability building mechanisms such as the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program.
 - We will also assist to refer any non-NIF integrity matter to law enforcement and connect reporters with the sport and wellbeing support where required.

KEY STATISTICS

Since the stand up of the Complaints framework, we have:

- Finalised over 50 NIF Investigations.
- Educated over 40 sport participants through the Category 1 process.
- Substantiated over 55 breaches of integrity policies.
- We receive 40+ new NIF matters a month
- We have around 70-80 open matters at any given time
- We have received over 1300 non-doping matters since July 2020
- We have made more than 170 law enforcement referrals since July 2020

Sanction examples

Sport Integrity Australia has developed guidance to support sport in making proportionate sanction decisions. Sport Integrity Australia's findings and/or sanction decisions made by the sport can be appealed, including through the National Sports Tribunal.

Recent sanction handed down by sports following a Sport Integrity Australia investigation include:

- For two respondents **s 38** that were found to have engaged in emotional and psychological abuse of another athlete **s 38**

- Respondent A had one allegation substantiated that resulted in a s 38 suspension from all national level activities, mandatory education and counselling and supervision during club activities.
- Respondent B had three allegations substantiated that resulted in an s 38 from all national level activities, mandatory education and counselling and supervision during club activities.
- Another sport determined the following sanctions for an adult male coach who was found to have breached the Child Safe Practices, relating to sexual misconduct, professional boundaries and use of electronic or online communications.
 - Six specific allegations were substantiated and resulted in a 2-year suspension from all sporting activities, upon return a 1-year good behaviour period and mandatory education in child safeguarding.

Drafting note – these two sanctions are currently under appeal through the NST. Update to brief may be required once outcomes are known (hopefully mid-October).

2023 STATISTICS (YTD – 31 AUGUST 2023)

Between 1 January and 31 August 2023, SIA received 394 integrity submissions, of which:

- 342 related to a NIF sport
- 52 related to a non-NIF sport
- 282 were Reports and
- 112 were formal Complaints
- 70 matters were referred to government, law enforcement, sporting or doping organisations.

The top 10 sports* with the most submissions so far in 2023 were:



** It is important to recognise that some sports have been actively educated their members about how to report to Sport Integrity Australia and this may contribute to the higher numbers of submissions received in some sports.*

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SIA received submissions across all State and Territories with the following breakdown*:

- QLD – 85
- VIC – 82
- NSW – 71
- WA – 44
- Unknown – 35

- SA – 29
- ACT – 23
- International – 16
- TAS – 10
- NT – 3

**Submitters can select multiple states if incidents span across two locations. The breakdown of locations may not add up to the total number of submissions received.*

The most common Respondent types so far in 2023 were:

- Coach/assistant coach – 165 (approx. 31.4%)
- Athlete/player – 77 (approx. 14.6%)
- Sporting organisation – 46 (approx. 8.7%)
- Board/committee member – 42 (approx. 8%)
- Official – 30 (approx. 5.7%)
- Parent/guardian – 29 (approx. 5.5%)

There were 49 submissions that indicated that the alleged conduct related to a personal characteristic*:

- Race/ethnicity - 18
- Disability – 15
- Sexual orientation / gender identity – 5
- Physical attribute – 4
- Age – 3
- Sex / family / reproduction – 3
- Other – 1

**it is important to note that while the submitters alleged the conduct was related to a personal characteristic, there has only been one (1) matter substantiated through an investigation that found this was the case (race). Some are still ongoing.*

BACKGROUND

Statistics taken from Integrity Complaints dashboard and JADE reporting (investigation outcomes).

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3.5 Integrity Complaints

SUBJECT / ISSUE

Sport Integrity Australia manages Complaints about Child Safeguarding and Discrimination for sports (n=83) that are operating under the National Integrity Framework (NIF).

These are often the most serious and high-risk Complaints – independence is crucial.

WHAT IS THE STORY TO TELL/KEY POINTS?

- In 2022, we saw an increase in integrity matters received as more sports adopted the NIF.
- In 2022, approximately 95% of submissions evaluated under the NIF related to child safeguarding and/or member protection issues.
- From 1 January – 30 April 2023, we received 184 non-doping submissions.
 - We currently have around 80 open (non-doping) integrity matters (NIF+non-NIF).
 - *Note for Exec: Revised communications about our remit from 1 February 2023 will result in a reduction of 'other' integrity matters being reported to us, so this year's data is not going to be comparable to last years. Child Safeguarding has, and will, continue to form the majority of matters going forward.*
- Since the formation of SIA (1 July 2020 to 30 April 2023) – over 290 integrity matters (not including doping) have been referred to an external partner, the majority going to law enforcement (over 170). The matters referred to law enforcement covered:
 - Child Safeguarding – 63.2 %
 - Member Protection – 17.5%
 - Competition Manipulation – 6.2%
 - Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine – 4.5%
 - Other – 8.5%
- Since the commencement of the NIF (31 March 2021 to 30 April 2023) – SIA has finalised 35 NIF Investigations.
 - *Note for Exec: Any request for a breakdown of investigations should be taken on notice so we can consider the release of operational information.*

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STATISTICS - 12-MONTH TREND (2022)

Between 1 January and 31 December 2022, we received **499** non-doping submissions that alleged breaches of integrity policies.

- **347** of these related to **NIF sports**, the submission types were:
 - **247** Complaints (Formal Complaints to actioning under the NIF), and
 - **100** Reports (submitted anonymously or provided for information only – not eligible to be a Complaint).

- Within these submissions - there were 449 separate allegations:
 - **113 allegations** related to child safeguarding, with just over half of these alleging poor behaviour by a coach
 - 222 allegations related to member protection
 - 17 allegations related to competition manipulation
 - 4 allegations related to the improper use of drugs and medicine
 - 87 allegations related to the National Integrity Framework Policy
 - 6 allegations related to other policies

Note: The reporter can select multiple policies, so the breakdown will not add up to the total number of allegations. One allegation may be an alleged breach of two policies.

Top sports in 2022:



It is likely that early adoption and proactive communication with members about the Complaints Process contributed to these figures.

The most common Respondent types in 2022 were:

- 163 – Coach/Assistant Coach (25%)
- 94 – Athlete/Player (14.4%)
- 87 – Board/committee member (13.4%)
- 63 – Sporting organisation (9.7%)

Note: Multiple Respondent types can be selected for each matter as each Respondent may be performing multiple roles in the Sport.

192 submissions involved a Vulnerable Person (38.5%). Their roles were:

- 151 – Affected Parties (70.9%)
- 47 – Witnesses (22.1%)
- 14 – Respondents (6.6%)
- 1 – Submitters

41 submissions contained information that indicated the alleged conduct related to a Personal Characteristic (8.2%), which were:

- 11 – Gender/Family/Reproduction (24.4%)
- 10 – Race/Ethnicity (22.2%)
- 8 – Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity (includes intersex status) (17.8%)
- 5 – Age (11.1%)

- 5 – Medical Condition/Mental Health Condition (11.1%)
- 3 – Disability (6.7%)
- 2 – Physical Attribute (4.4%)
- 1 – Religion (2.2%)

Note: Personal Characteristics are reported by the submitter – multiple characteristics can be selected. This does not necessarily mean the conduct related to the characteristic, it is just reported that they had one.

BACKGROUND

1 January – 31 December 2022					
	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	TOTAL
NIF Sports					
Matters Received	17 16 Complaints 1 Report	52 40 Complaints 12 Reports	120 79 Complaints 41 Reports	158 112 Complaints 46 Reports	347 247 Complaints 100 Reports
Completed Matters	10	17	74	99	200 <i>Some completed matters were received before 1 January 2022</i>
Non-NIF Sports					
Matters Received	71	37	24	20	152
Matters Completed	62	34	39	32	167* <i>Some completed matters were received before 1 January 2022</i>

- We use information in different ways – some information (Reports) is used for information and/or intelligence to help inform our education and integrity programs.
- For matters that are ineligible to be managed through the Complaints Process, we provide a coordination function – this may include referring them to an appropriate dispute resolution body, law enforcement or wellbeing support.

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These are often the most serious and high-risk Complaints – independence is crucial.

WHAT IS THE STORY TO TELL/KEY POINTS

- Over 90% of submissions evaluated under the National Integrity Framework related to child safeguarding and/or member protection issues.
- From 1 January – 30 April 2023, we received 184 non-doping submissions.
 - We currently have around 7580 open (non-doping) integrity matters (NIF+non-NIF).
 - Note for Exec: Revised communications about our remit from 1 February 2023 will result in a reduction of 'other' integrity matters being reported to us, so this year's data is not going to be comparable to last years. Child Safeguarding has, and will, continue to form the majority of matters going forward.
 - Since the formation of SIA (1 July 2020 to 30 April 2023) – over 160 integrity matters (not including doping) have been referred to an external partner, including law enforcement.
- Since the commencement of the NIF (31 March 2021 to 30 April 2023) – SIA has finalised 35 NIF Investigations.

STATISTICS

Between 1 January and 31 December 2022, we received 499 non-doping submissions relating to alleged breaches of integrity policies. 347 of these submissions related to sports that have implemented the National Integrity Framework, with the type of submissions received being:

- 247 Complaints, and
- 100 Reports.

	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	TOTAL
NIF					
Matters Received	17 • 16 Complaints • 1 Report	52 • 40 Complaints • 12 Reports	120 • 79 Complaints • 41 Reports	158 • 112 Complaints • 46 Reports	347 • 247 Complaints • 100 Reports
Completed Matters <small>Some completed matters were received before 1 January 2022</small>	10	17	74	97	198
Matters progressed to Assessment	0	9	17	20	46

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	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	TOTAL
Assessments Finalised	0	0	1	5	6
Non-NIF					
Matters Received	71	37	24	20	152
Matters Completed <small>Some completed matters were received before 1 January 2022</small>	62	34	39	32	167

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Of the 347 submissions of alleged breaches relating to sports that have implemented the National Integrity Framework:

- 278 submissions, consisting of 449 separate allegations across multiple policies, required further evaluation or referral:
 - 113 allegations related to child safeguarding, with just over half of these alleging misconduct by a coach
 - 222 allegations related to member protection
 - 17 allegations related to competition manipulation
 - 4 allegations related to the improper use of drugs and medicine
 - 87 allegations related to the National Integrity Framework Policy
 - 6 allegations related to other policies (*likely where a matter was submitted via a means other than the webform where it limits selection to NIF policies*)

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Note: Multiple alleged Prohibited Conducts can be selected for each matter. Prohibited Conducts are as reported by the submitter.

- The sport for which the most submissions were received was s 38. It is likely this is due, in part, to their early adoption of the National Integrity Framework and proactive communication with members about the Complaints Handling Process. Other sports which the greatest number of submissions were received about included:



Of the 6 NIF Assessments that were finalised, they had the following outcomes based on the alleged conduct/s:

- 1 x Substantiated; 2 x Unsubstantiated – Child Safeguarding (Failure to Comply with Child Safe Practices); s 38, s 47E

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- 2 x Unsubstantiated – Member Protection (Harassment & Victimization); **s 38, s 47E**
- 2 x Unsubstantiated – Child Safeguarding (Act that would be Prohibited Conduct under MPP & Fail to Comply with Child Safe Practices); **s 38, s 47E**
- 2 x Unsubstantiated – Child Safeguarding (Child Abuse & Fail to Comply with Child Safe Practices); **s 38, s 47E**
- 1 x Withdrawn – Member Protection (Harassment); **s 38, s 47E**
- 1 x Withdrawn – Child Safeguarding (Fail to Comply with Child Safe Practices); **s 38, s 47E**
- 1 x Withdrawn – Child Safeguarding (Fail to Comply with Child Safe Practices); **s 38, s 47E**

Of note regarding the total 499 submissions (NIF and Non-NIF) received between 1 January and 31 December 2022:

- The most common Respondent types of all submissions were:
 - 163 – Coach/Assistant Coach (25%)
 - 94 – Athlete/Player (14.4%)
 - 87 – Board/committee member (13.4%)
 - 63 – Sporting organisation (9.7%)

Note: Multiple Respondent types can be selected for each matter as each Respondent may be performing multiple roles in the Sport and at the time of the alleged conduct.
- 192 submissions involved a Vulnerable Person (at the time of the submission to SIA) (38.5%). Of the Vulnerable Person/s involved in submissions:
 - Their roles in the submissions were:
 - 151 – Affected Parties (70.9%)
 - 47 – Witnesses (22.1%)
 - 14 – Respondents (6.6%)
 - 1 – Submitters
 - Their ages were:
 - 202 – Under 18 (94.8%)
 - 7 – Unknown
 - 4 – Over 18

Note: Multiple vulnerable persons may be involved in each matter. Whether an Affected Party was a vulnerable person at the time of the conduct will generally be captured in the Prohibited Conduct being reported (eg Child Abuse) - therefore this attribute aims to capture submissions involving current vulnerable persons.
- 41 submissions contained information that indicated the alleged conduct related to a Personal Characteristic (8.2%), which were:
 - 11 – Gender/Family/Reproduction (24.4%)
 - 10 – Race/Ethnicity (22.2%)

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- o 2 – Physical Attribute (4.4%)
- o 1 – Religion (2.2%)

Note: Above Personal Characteristics involved in the alleged conduct are as reported by the submitter – multiple characteristics can be selected for each matter. A determination by SIA about whether the alleged conduct actually related to the Personal Characteristic is not generally made until an Assessment / Investigation of the submission is finalised. The majority of the above submissions did not progress to Assessment / Investigation. Of those that did, the findings are still pending.

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2.1 Operations - high level overview

SUBJECT / ISSUE

- This brief provides statistics on integrity matters received by SIA in 2023.

WHAT IS THE STORY TO TELL/KEY POINTS?

- Our aim is safe and fair sport at all levels, for all participants.
- Everyone should be able to participate in sport.
- We are working to change behaviours and the culture of sport by coordinating a national approach to matters relating to sports integrity in Australia. Our National Integrity Framework (NIF) means sports have consistent policies for the first time. (87 Sports).
- Child protection is the biggest challenge, children and young people remain vulnerable in sport.

Integrity Complaints

- We manage child safeguarding and discrimination Complaints and Reports on behalf of NIF sports.
- We undertake investigations to consider whether a breach of an integrity policy has occurred.
- A number of sport participants have had their memberships suspended for 12+ months following substantiated breaches of integrity policies.
 - One sport participant (coach) had their membership permanently terminated by the sport as a result of a Sport Integrity Australia investigation.
- The most common types of behaviour being reported related to coaches crossing professional boundaries with athletes under the age of 18 (spending time or talking online socially outside of/unrelated to sport events) and inappropriate use of tone and language.
- Athlete to athlete verbal abuse and bullying was also commonly reported.
- Sport Integrity Australia leverages key external relationships to support the Complaint Process – this includes state and territory police and eSafety.
- The sport's National Integrity Manager (NIM) network also play a crucial role in information sharing to support the Complaints Process.
- Sports manage complaints about all other matters, including member protection issues between adults, selection issues, and competition manipulation issues. Sport Integrity Australia provides resources, training and support to help them manage complaints about these issues, including advice about individual matters.
- While we cannot manage their Complaints, Sport Integrity Australia continues to support non-NIF sports through other capability building mechanisms such as the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP).
- We will also assist to refer any non-NIF integrity matter to law enforcement and connect reporters with the sport and wellbeing support where required.

Anti-Doping

- We are Australia's National Anti-Doping Organisation. As an anti-doping agency, our main responsibility is to implement the World Anti-Doping Code in Australia, thereby protecting the health of Australian athletes and the integrity of sport.
- We achieve this through an informed and innovative anti-doping program encompassing testing, intelligence and investigations, engagement and education.
- We use various levers available to us to conduct deterrence, detection, disruption and enforcement activities, while collaborating with our partners and the sporting community.
- Our anti-doping program is consistent with international requirements and Australian legislation.
- We prioritise continuous improvement and innovation in the way we deliver our anti-doping program to keep athletes safe, introducing new processes and capabilities and finding creative ways to engage with and educate athletes.
- We will continue to support the athlete voice and educate the Australian sporting community.
- We are required to implement an informed testing program on athletes we have authority over. The testing program needs to be proportionate to the risk of doping and aims to:
 - deter the use of prohibited substances and methods.
 - detect the presence/use of prohibited substances or methods.
- We are committed to working in partnership to strengthen the Australian sporting ecosystem. We actively pursue opportunities to share information with our partners

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STATISTICS

Integrity Matters Triaged by Sport Integrity Australia in 2023

	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL RECEIVED
Non-Doping	144	142	152	133	571 (65% of TOTAL)
<i>(Child Safeguarding)</i>	76	97	101	102	376 (66% of Non-Doping)
Doping	80	104	64	62	310 (35% of TOTAL)
TOTAL	224	246	216	193	879

* Integrity matters are those that are suspected or alleged breaches of sports integrity policies.

Information Referrals by Sport Integrity Australia to External Organisations in 2023

	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL REFERRALS
To Law Enforcement Agencies	21	16	31	11	79 (69%)
To Sporting Organisations	7	7	14	1	29 (25%)
To Other	1	5	0	0	6 (5%)
TOTAL	29	28	45	12	114

* Matters referred were mostly in relation to child abuse (consistent with our remit).

Total Calls Made to Safe Sport Hotline in 2023

	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL
TOTAL	11	29	32	20	92

Integrity Complaints

The statistics below relate to the workload of the Integrity Complaint team.

- The Integrity Complaints team Evaluated **261 integrity matters**¹ (cases) in 2023.
 - This equates to around **22 new matters** received for Evaluation **per month**.
- The Integrity Complaints team have around **70 open matters at any given time**, around 20% of these (n=15-20) are under investigation.
 - The remainder may be managed through education, are evaluated as out-of-scope or are referred to other agencies such as police.

¹ NIF Complaints or Reports Cases that related to Child Safeguarding and Discrimination that were allocated to the Integrity Complaints team for consideration of appropriate action.

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- SIA finalised **32 NIF investigations**² in 2023.
- SIA substantiated **36**³ allegations of breaches of the Child Safeguarding Policy in 2023.
- Coaches (including Assistant Coaches) were the most common Respondent type for substantiated breaches – 30 out of the above 36 policy breaches were coaches⁴.
- SIA **educated over 65** (n=67) sport participants through the Category 1 process (reminder of obligations) in 2023.

Anti-Doping Testing

Total Samples Collected by Quarter in 2023

	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL SAMPLES
Urine	1,268	1,067	943	1,018	4,296 (81%)
Blood (ABP/Serum)	210	199	133	204	746 (14%)
DBS	42	102	52	65	261 (5%)
TOTAL	1,520	1,368	1,128	1,287	5,303

* Sample numbers include Government Funded and User Pays

Total Samples Collected by Funding Type and Quarter in 2023

	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL SAMPLES
Government Funded - Domestic	610	692	340	774	2,416 (46%)
Government Funded - International	22	90	84	45	241 (5%)
User Pays - Domestic	648	552	664	398	2,262 (43%)
User Pays - International	240	34	40	70	384 (7%)
TOTAL	1,520	1,368	1,128	1,287	5,303

* User Pays – International are samples we collect in Australia at request of other Anti-Doping Organisations

Total Athletes Tested 2023 by Gender

² NIF Complaint or Reports that were investigated and closed (in JADE) in the time period. Includes Cases that commenced investigations in the year prior.

³ The number of allegations that have been substantiated. One case could have multiple substantiated allegations within it.

⁴ Respondents can hold multiple roles in sport. I.e. a Respondent may be a coach and an athlete

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	TOTAL ATHLETES
Male	2,842 (63%)
Female	1,684 (37%)
TOTAL	4,526

* Athlete numbers include Government Funded and User Pays

Top 5 Sports Tested in 2023

	TOTAL SAMPLES
	726
	447
	406
	339
	336

* Sample numbers include Government Funded and User Pays

Sport Integrity Australia Testing Pools as at 31 December 2023

	TOTAL ATHLETES
Registered Testing Pool (RTP)	101
National Testing Pool (NTP)	224
Domestic Testing Pool (DTP)	1,575
TOTAL	1,900

Intelligence

Total number of Intelligence Cases in 2023

- 98 Intelligence cases were opened from doping information triaged in 2023.
- 51 Intelligence cases were finalised during 2023. Predominantly these were closed and recorded for intelligence and testing purposes as sufficient cause was not established for further investigation.

Anti-Doping Investigations

Total number of Anti-Doping Investigations in 2023

- 13 investigation cases were opened in 2023.

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- 14 investigation cases were finalised during 2023.

Total Number of Disclosure Notices Served in 2023

- 12 individuals were issued with Disclosure Notices in 2023.

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	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL SERVED
Interview	2	6	4	3	15
Information	2	4	1	2	9
Documents and Things	4	8	1	4	17
TOTAL	8	18	6	9	41

* An individual may get served multiple notices and notices may be required to be reissued to the same individual for various reasons such as changes of dates.

Science and Medicine

	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL
Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs)*	5	6	4	1	16
AAFs progressed to investigation	3	6	3	1	13
AAFs progressed to Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) pathway	2	0	1	0	3
Atypical Findings (ATFs)**	1	1	0	2	4
Presumptive Adverse Analytical Findings (PAAFs)***	6	11	8	1	26
Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Reviews	465	442	227^	115^	1249^
• Steroidal	337	320	137^	34^	868^
• Haematology	88	122	90	81	381
Substance Enquires	150	128	133	89	500
• Emails	115	108	107	75	405
• Phone Calls	35	20	26	14	95

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* AAF is reported when a prohibited substance is detected, and its presence confirmed in a sample.
 ** ATF is reported when a substance is detected in a sample, but its presence cannot be confirmed conclusively.
 *** PAAF is a TUE check request sent by the analysing laboratory to SIA when a prohibited substance is detected in a sample that commonly has a TUE for therapeutic purposes or the substance is only prohibited through certain routes of administration.
 ^ These numbers have been suppressed due to changes in the way steroid results notifications are reported from ADAMS and the transition to Next Gen.

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Therapeutic Use Exceptions Applications Assessed by Sport Integrity Australia in 2023

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	January - March	April – June	July – September	October – December	TOTAL
TUE Applications					
Approved					
Not-Required					
Pending					
Planned Retroactive					
Rejected					
Closed					

BACKGROUND

Integrity Complaints

Nil

Anti-Doping – Tip Offs

- Tip Offs remain consistent across the period. § 38 continues to be the sport subject of the greatest number of tip offs.
- Tip Offs in general continue to be of a low value quality, predominantly anonymous and often infer doping based on increased athlete performance as opposed to any specific information indicating doping. This is particularly prevalent in § 38 due to performance statistics being publicly available.
- Sport Integrity Australia is seeking to uplift its intelligence capability to move towards more proactive intelligence collection methodology to attempt to address the low value quality of the information currently received.
- This information, along with statistics from non-doping integrity issues, are being used as one factor in determining the most appropriate sports to begin with for our Sport Integrity Threat Assessment process.

Anti-Doping - Investigations

- Investigations regarding AAFs across the period have identified continued issues regarding prohibited substances being obtained by athletes being a completely different prohibited substance to what they thought they were purchasing or being contaminated with other prohibited substances.
- We have also seen a continued trend within investigations regarding athletes claiming to have been contaminated, particularly with SARMS, through the use of prohibited substances by people within their close environment (family members/flatmates)
- Information provided through the investigation of AAFs through the period has been able to be provided to law enforcement and other regulators (TGA, AHPRA) which has resulted in criminal charges and compliance actions on those who facilitate the supply of prohibited substances.

Anti-Doping - Disclosure Notices

- Disclosure Notices in general continue to be a useful tool in the investigation of doping violations for matters involving positive tests. § 47E

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- Internationally we are seeing several International Federations (s 38) who have moved to include a similar style of disclosure process into their policies but support it with a sanction for non-compliance that would be similar to that received for a doping violation.

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Hi

As discussed, seeing Jade wasn't working I did the substantiated outcomes manually but there wasn't heaps so didn't take long. The spreadsheet from this is attached above. Let me know if you have any questions.

I've added the formula's where you had comments.

Thanks

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Hi [REDACTED]

It is estimates time again (sigh)... The Complaints brief is relatively straight forward... but in the context of data and trying to pull consistent stats... I wanted to check some formulas with you for this brief.

See comments within – there's just 2 main ones I wanted to check formulas with you – I can run the actual report, just hoping you can give me a steer on the most appropriate attributes to load?

I am hoping to use these formulas going forward to add to the data library...

Not urgent! They aren't due until next week

Kind regards,

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Hi All

Happy New Year!

A quick reminder about the drafting of the Senate Estimates briefs and the requirement for them to be GM/Head cleared by Friday 19th January 2023.

Also, quick reminder that Data stats should be up until the 31st December 2023.

Any queries, please let me know.

Regards



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Hi All

After a discussion with s22, I would like to confirm that the 31st December 2023 is the cut off date for stats in preparing Estimates briefs, so that we can provide a consistent timeline across the various briefs.

Any queries, please let me know.

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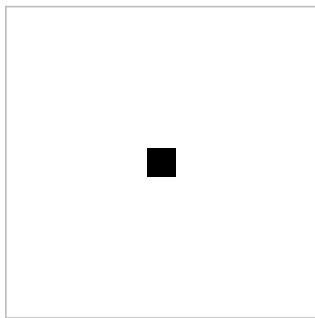
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Hi Senate Estimates briefs lead authors....hope you are all well and are looking forward to the Xmas break!

It is that time again to draft Senate Estimates briefs. The next Community Affairs Senate committee hearing is scheduled to be held between 14-15th February 2024. Details can be found [here](#). I will let you know when and if we are called to appear.

As occurred for the last drafting of briefs, we are sending one email to the drafting cohort so all authors have visibility of the topics requested and to promote collaboration if/where briefs may intersect or complement each other. As such if you believe that you can provide input into another brief, please liaise with the lead author. Also, if you are taking extended leave over Xmas/New Year can you please let me know who will be drafting your brief (s).

Please note, the topics list was approved by the Executive/CEO. If there are other matters/topics you feel our witnesses should be prepared for, please raise this with your Head/GM/DCEO in the first instance and, if a brief is required, let me know and I will create a template for the author.

Briefs and lead authors

- [1.1.1 Key Financial Figures 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [1.1.2 Funding and NPP Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [1.2.1 NIF Update Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [1.2.2 SISCIP review Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [1.2.3 NIM network Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [1.3.1 Macolin Convention - match fixing - sports wagering Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [1.4 Safety in Sport Feb 2024 .docx](#) (Sarah Benson)
- [1.5 Strategic Threat Assessment Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22 – please note that the CEO wishes to be consulted regarding the content of this brief
- [2.1 Operations high level overview Feb 2024 .docx](#) (Sarah Benson) – include key stats and trends across AD and complaints

- [s 47E](#) (Sarah Benson)
- [2.3 Sensitive Operational Matters Feb 2024 .docx](#) (Sarah Benson)
- [2.4 Overview of anti-doping process Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [3.1 Workforce Statistics Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [3.2 Education Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [3.3 Legal - ADRV, FOI and Privacy Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [4.1 Corporate Reporting Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [5. International Engagement Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22 – please note for this topic the CEO would like a summary of our international committee appts included
- [6. Questions on Notice Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [7.1 Legislation Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [7.2 Racism Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
- [7.3 Online abuse Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22
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- [7.5 Model Rules Feb 2024.docx](#) s22
- [8. Emerging Trends Feb 2024 .docx](#) - esports s22 /Concussion, Transgender and Women in Sport s22
- [9. SIA Executive - Structural changes Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22 – new topic please note to consult with the CEO prior to drafting brief
- [10. First Nations Plan Feb 2024.docx](#) (Patrick J) – this is a new topic requested by the CEO
- [11. Contemporary media issues Feb 2024 .docx](#) s22

As a reference...below is a link to the October 2023 Master Pack

[SE Master Pack - October 2023.docx](#)

Please note the guidance provided in the brief template as to how you should frame the topic. When drafting the brief please consider the Senate Estimates environment and how our witnesses may approach their responses to particular questions. They do not have much time and as such the briefs need to be concise and where possible consist of dot points and key statistics.

If I have not identified the correct lead author, please let me know.

Can you please draft the briefs and have your Head/GM clear them by COB 19th January 2024 in order for DCEO review the following week?

Thank you for your assistance and any queries, please let me know.

Regards

