

# SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN SPORT

The Australian Government is taking a coordinated and collaborative approach to Australian sport at all levels, with a vision to be the world's most active and healthy sporting nation, committed to encouraging safe participation and known for its integrity and success.



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**Sport Australia is responsible for driving greater participation, engagement and capability in Australian sport.**

Sport Australia invests in national sporting organisations, including organisations for people with a disability, to champion the value of sport and encourage Australians of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities to get involved in sport. In addition to providing funding, Sport Australia is focused on improving the capability of sporting organisations to create an effective and sustainable national sport sector.

Sport Australia's work includes:

- Determining and recognising the peak national bodies for sports in Australia, known as National Sporting Organisations (NSOs);
- Directing the Australian Government's investment in NSOs to achieve greater sport participation outcomes and industry growth;
- Supporting NSOs with expertise and guidance in areas such as governance, financial advisory, workforce development and digital technology;
- Managing major Commonwealth grant programs, including:
  - Sporting Schools
  - Local Sporting Champions
  - Women Leaders in Sport
- Undertaking national research with the AusPlay survey and knowledge sharing through the Clearinghouse for Sport to help connect the sporting sector and inform decision-making;
- Developing and implementing programs that encourage increased participation in sport;
- Delivering resources that provide guidance to support inclusive, safe and ethical sport.

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**The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) is responsible for leading Australia's high-performance sport system and its purpose is to build sustainable winning systems for Australian athletes.**

The work of the AIS is aligned with the National High-Performance Sport Strategy 2024 (NHPSS), which is supported by the National Institute Network (NIN) and endorsed by all States and Territories in 2019. Success is measured against the ability of the system to consistently produce podium success over multiple cycles, to inspire the next generation through this success and outstanding role models, and to deliver a world-leading high performance sport system.

The AIS works closely with the NIN, National Sporting Organisations (NSOs), other key partners: the Australian Olympic Committee, Paralympics Australia and Commonwealth Games Australia and with Sport Australia.

The AIS has guided the return-to-sport strategy following the COVID-19 pandemic, including developing the AIS Reboot for Sport Framework and assisting sports to manage the postponement of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games to 2021.

The AIS allocates funding for high-performance programs, performance pathway programs, athlete and coach wellbeing, high performance people development particularly for high performance coaches, applied technology and innovation including work with research partners, the AIS Campus (Canberra) that hosts a number of NSO centres of excellence and high performance camps, and the European Training Centre in Italy.

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**The National Sports Tribunal (NST) provides cost-effective, efficient, transparent and independent dispute resolution services for Australian sport.**

The NST is entirely independent of other Commonwealth sport agencies and sporting organisations, ensuring confidentiality and impartiality.

The NST can deal with disputes relating to:

- anti-doping rule violations
- disciplinary sanctions
- selection or eligibility
- bullying/harassment/discrimination
- others approved by the CEO

The resolution services include arbitration, mediation, conciliation and case appraisal.

There are three Divisions: General, Appeals and Anti-Doping.

Matters are heard by independent NST Members – which include former athletes, top sport administrators, along with legal and medical professionals working in sport.

NST services are cost-effective, and affordable for sports and participants. Costs may also be waived in circumstances of financial hardship.

To bring a dispute to the NST agreement from all parties is required – either through sporting rules or a signed agreement.

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**Sport Integrity Australia is responsible for preventing and addressing threats to sports integrity and to coordinate a national approach to matters relating to sports integrity in Australia.**

Sport Integrity Australia is the cornerstone of the Government's comprehensive sport integrity strategy: Safeguarding the Integrity of Sport.

Sport Integrity Australia's role is to provide advice and assistance to counter the:

- use of prohibited substances and methods in sport
- abuse of children and other persons in a sporting environment
- manipulation of sporting competitions
- failure to protect members of sporting organisations and other persons in a sporting environment from bullying, intimidation, discrimination or harassment.

Sporting organisations, and other stakeholders, benefit from the ability to deal with a single nationally coordinated organisation to address all sport integrity issues.

Sport Integrity Australia offers guidance on integrity matters to sports which don't have developed integrity capabilities.

The focus is policy development, intelligence, investigations (primarily of doping cases), and education, outreach and capability building. The agency will continue to function as Australia's National Anti-Doping Organisation.

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