

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION PROGRAM INFORMATION

National Junior Sport Program.

The National Junior Sport Program (NJSP) aims to improve the sporting opportunities and experiences for children and young people from grass roots to elite level. The NJSP comprises the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program and the Junior Sport Unit (JSU). The NJSP works with a range of stakeholders by assisting them to promote safe, fun, quality and inclusive junior sport environments.

The AASC program is the first nationally coordinated program providing opportunities for traditionally inactive children to participate in structured physical activities in the after school environment.

The JSU provides assistance and advice to sporting organisations and other key partners in the development of sport specific junior sport policies, programs and resources.

Further information:

National Junior Sport Program

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www.ausport.gov.au/junior and/or www.ausport.gov.au/aasc

Club Development

The Club Development Network is a free, web-based program that supports the development and management capacity of sporting clubs. The aim of the Network is to assist clubs across Australia to identify ways in which they can develop their clubs so they can provide the best possible service to their members. The principle upon which the network has been established is one of promoting continuous improvement.

To be a successful, well-run club you need a clear understanding of leadership, planning, people and organisational performance, while maintaining a strong member focus. These areas are emphasised in the Club Development Network. By developing and promoting products and services from the ASC, national sporting organisations (NSOs), and other groups, clubs can improve their management.

On becoming involved in the Network, a club/association undertakes an internal review using a simple checklist. The checklist helps to identify how the club is performing in various aspects of its management and operation. In doing so, it identifies a number of areas for improvement and develops an action plan for addressing those areas. From here the club can access the Resource Library, which has a wealth of club-friendly resources to help the club address its agreed actions. Members have asked for examples they can print off and use at their next committee meeting. Resources range from a template for a strategic plan through to a fact sheet on how to run a safe sausage sizzle. It is all there waiting for clubs to log on and print it off.

Members will also benefit from regular updates via the club development electronic newsletter, E-news. The newsletter covers a wide range of topics dealing with all aspects of running an effective club.

For more information:

Club Development Network:

Tel: 1300 130 121 Toll Free information line

Email: club.development@ausport.gov.au

Web: www.ausport.gov.au/clubs

Women and Sport

The women and Sport program of the Australian Sports Commission involves the research, identification and development of innovative policies, program and practices that address gender and equality issues in sport. The program's mission is to foster a culture that actively:

- Advocates the enduring values of fair play and inclusive practices in sport, and
- Promotes equality and respect for women and girls in all aspects of sport with the aim of creating in sport settings that are more inclusive and supportive of the participation of women and girls.

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The program provides:

- Consultancy advice and support to Government, National Sporting Organisations and national agencies;
- Leadership and a coordinated approach to women and sport issues to key national/state agencies and networks;
- Policy advice;
- Resource development;
- Identification and conduct and research
- Advice to enquires from public, media and sport industry;
- Advocacy of the principles and values of equity;
- Contribution to international programs and networks;
- Funding through the "Sports Leadership Grants for Women" program.

Further information:

Women and Sport

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Ethics in Sport

Sport naturally serves as a vehicle for education, health, leadership and fair play – but the fact is that these values are not automatically transmitted in sport. It all depends on how sport is managed, taught and practiced.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) takes an important leadership role in working with national sporting organisations to establish structures and policies that ensure a fair, safe, ethical and inclusive culture pervades sport at all levels. Through the support and direction that the ASC provides to national sporting organisations, sport continues to improve the role that coaches, officials, administrators and support personnel can play in the lives of Australians.

Support services to NSOs include:

- Harassment-free sport seminars and training courses
- model/template policies, eg anti-harassment and member-protection policies
- advice and information on harassment, abuse, discrimination and child protection and inclusive practices
- assistance with policy development
- resources, eg publications, websites
- dissemination of latest research findings.

Further information:

Sport Ethics Unit

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Disability Sport

The ASC's Disability Sport Unit (DSU) assists NSOs and other sport and physical activity providers to include people with a disability in sport.

Focus areas of the DSU include:

- Provision of education and training services to sport through the Disability Education Program;
- Assistance with the development of sport-specific Action Plans to provide sporting opportunities for people with a disability through Project Connect; and
- Training in Sports Ability, an inclusive activities program, consisting of equipment and resource material for 5 activities.

Further information:

Disability Sport Unit

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Website: www.ausport.gov.au/dsu

Indigenous Sport

The ASC can assist NSOs to improve the participation levels and quality of sport for Indigenous Australians by establishing new programs or by improving existing 'mainstream' programs. Services that the ASC offers to help NSOs achieve this include:

- general advice and information including how to establish an inclusive sport environment for Indigenous participants
- provision of policy advice, guidance and training, eg. policies and processes NSOs should follow when they nominate and manage Indigenous athletes who are eligible for scholarships and grants; and the provision of workshops/seminars on 'Cross Cultural Awareness'.
- national leadership, eg working with NSOs who want to become involved in ASC workshops/programs; providing advice on adapting NSO programs so they are

relevant; providing assistance with exploring appropriate and effective ways to reach communities; providing access to the Indigenous Sport Development Officer network - 50 staff employed across Australia.

- access to resources, eg. elders, publications.

Further information:

Indigenous Sport Unit

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Website: www.ausport.gov.au/isp

Sport Innovation and Best Practice

The Sport Innovation and Best Practice section provides specialised support to national sporting organisations and other sections of the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport.

The section:

- provides national leadership to ensure that Australia remains at the forefront of international sport
- assists with researching and developing solutions to issues that emerge in individual sports and the sports industry
- benchmarks, promotes and advocates national best practice in
 - high performance, and
 - governance and business management to Australian sports.
- Undertakes interventions address specific problems within national sporting organisations.

To meet these aims, Sport Innovation and Best Practice analyses and identifies areas for improvement within the broader Australian sports system and within individual national sporting organisations. This involves:

- commissioning research
- collaborating with other sports agencies, e.g. State Institutes and Academies of Sport
- monitoring innovation in sport nationally and internationally
- collecting and disseminating information on best practice
- working with individual sporting organisations to identify strategies to address specific issues.

Further information:

Sport Innovation and Best Practice

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Business Support Centre

The National Sporting Organisation (NSO) Business Support Centre (BSC) operates within the Sport Services section of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The project provides leadership, advice and support to nominated sports with a view to improving their operational capacity, business practices and sustainability.

The Centre is aimed at supporting those NSO's that are administered predominantly by volunteer boards or committees and need assistance to address the challenges and issues facing Australian sports. The BSC is adopting a process of 'collective servicing' to provide support to the sports across a range of generic issues. Templates, fact sheets and policies are being developed to assist the sports to deal with areas of:

- Anti doping
- Risk management
- Junior sport
- Member protection

Work is also underway in the areas of:

- Privacy
- Board and CEO relationships
- Conflict of interest
- IT and communication strategies
- Event management
- Selection policies
- Financial management
- NSO Governance best practice principles

The development of effective policies and practices will assist the sports to self-manage their affairs in a sustainable way.

Further information:

Business Support Centre

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Website: www.ausport.gov.au/bsc

Coaching and Officiating

The Coaching and Officiating area of the ASC now covers the programs known in the past as the Australian Coaching Council (ACC) and the National Officiating Program (NOP). The section offers information on courses and qualifications, contacts, tools - including the 'Locker Room' and the 'Thanks e-cards' - resources and guidance for existing and those aspiring to be coaches and officials in Australia.

You can:

- learn about Australia's approach to coaching and officiating
- find out how to become a coach or official
- visit the locker room for more information about accreditation through the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme
- send a 'thank you' e-card to a coach, official or administrator to let them know you appreciate their efforts
- get answers to frequently asked questions

Further information:

Coaching and Officiating

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