



PLAY BY THE RULES

'Play by the Rules'
www.playbytherules.net.au

Sport and recreation should be fun, safe, fair and respectful – and for most people this is their experience. However for some people sport is not enjoyable due to abuse - by coaches, other players and spectators – or favouritism, bias and other harassment.

Everyone in sport – players, coaches, officials and administrators - have the right to be in an environment free of these behaviours. We all have a responsibility to make sure that this happens, particularly where children are involved. This is a legal as well as an ethical requirement.

'Play By The Rules' www.playbytherules.net.au is a website that deals with the prevention and management of inappropriate behaviour in sport.

First launched in 2001 this highly popular site has recently undergone a significant update. It now includes more information on child protection as well as new sections on risk management and dealing with complaints.

The new-look 'Play By The Rules' now provides for the specific needs of governing bodies (including associations), clubs and groups, coaches and officials, players and participants, parents and children.

While the look and feel is different some things have remained the same.

- It is a resource for grass roots and community sport and recreation (so the information is easy to read and relevant).
- The information, resources and publications are free - and now we have a shopping cart facility to collect your information as you browse through the website!
- The free online training is still available and has even been expanded to include three new child protection courses - this is for busy people who lack the time and resources to attend training.

This unique Australian website is proudly supported by the Australian Sports Commission, the federal Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and all State and Territory sport and recreation and anti-discrimination agencies.

With nearly 5 million hits and over 8,500 people registering for the online training since it began why don't you click onto www.playbytherules.net.au and see how it could help you and your club.