SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

WITH THE COMMONWEALTH CHILD SAFE FRAMEWORK

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About Sport Integrity Australia

Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) is the Commonwealth agency responsible for preventing and addressing threats to the integrity of sport. We coordinate a national approach to matters relating to sports integrity in Australia with a view to:

a. achieving fair and honest sporting performances and outcomes
b. promoting positive conduct by athletes, administrators, officials, supporters and other stakeholders, on and off the sporting arena
c. achieving a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment at all levels
d. enhancing the reputation and standing of sporting contests and of sport overall.

We coordinate elements of the national sports integrity threat response including prevention, monitoring and detection, investigation and enforcement. We build the capability of sport to provide safe and supportive environments, and we provide a single point of contact for athletes, sporting organisations, law enforcement bodies and other stakeholders for matters relating to sports integrity.

Our responsibilities include administering the National Integrity Framework, which sets out the policies that members of sporting organisations must follow. We also deliver a comprehensive anti-doping program as Australia's National Anti-Doping Organisation and work with Australian and international stakeholders to detect and deter the manipulation of sporting events. To protect athlete health and the integrity of Australian sport, we focus on 3 primary areas:

- regulation
- monitoring, intelligence and investigations
- policy and program delivery (including engagement, education, outreach and development).

Commitment to the Safety of Children and Young People

SIA recognises the value of sport in the lives of children and young people and proactively works to ensure sport is free from child abuse and neglect.

Our work focuses on building the capability of organisations that engage with children and young people, ensuring they can create environments where every child or young person feels welcomed, protected and safe.

We actively seek opportunities to amplify the voices of children and young people, ensuring their perspectives shape the policies and programs that affect them.

Our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is also reflected in the way we conduct our business as an agency. We ensure all staff are aware of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework (the Framework) and are equipped to embed a focus on child safety and wellbeing throughout all our work, at all levels of the agency.





Interaction with children and young people

Sport Integrity Australia has a dual responsibility regarding child safety:

- to ensure internal policies, processes and content are child safe when delivering our programs and services to children.
- to provide advice and support to the sport sector in relation to providing a child safe sporting environment.

As an agency, we provide advice and support to national and state sporting organisations, government agencies and sector stakeholders working to minimise the risk of:

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

The advice and support provided influences the capability of sports and sector personnel to provide child safe sporting environments, including embedding safeguarding practices, promoting child safe behaviours, and supporting the management of complaints.

In addition, we directly deliver education, services and programs to athletes (including children and young people), volunteers, sports administrators, coaches, parents, and sports leadership, where staff may have direct contact with children.

This includes delivering education or outreach to children and young people (or where children and young people are present), anti-doping testing of children and young people, investigating complaints involving children and young people, and analysing intelligence about child/young athletes.









Compliance with the Framework

Implementation of the Framework remains a priority for the agency, and we remain compliant with each of its 4 requirements. The following is a summary of activities undertaken in 2026 to improve compliance with the Framework.

REQUIREMENT ONE:

Undertake risk assessments annually in relation to activities of the entity, to identify the level of responsibility for, and contact with, children, evaluate risks to child safety and put in place appropriate strategies to manage identified risks.

We are committed to continually reviewing our interactions with children and young people, and consulting with our safeguarding experts to ensure our child safe risk assessment remains contemporary and relevant.

The 2026 assessment builds on the 2025 assessment and confirms that existing risks, controls and mitigation strategies remain appropriate and effective. The 2026 uplift further strengthens the assessment as a risk management assurance tool through clearer accountability, stronger control articulation, improved monitoring and greater visibility of residual risk exposure.

Key improvements include:

- **Enhanced risk structure**
  - Reviewed and refined our existing child safety risks, resulting in the development of 14 bespoke child safety risk events.
  - Addition of a dedicated Governance and Assurance risk event to strengthen oversight of Commonwealth child safety obligations and annual compliance activities.
- **Improved alignment with our risk management framework**
  - Introduction of risk tolerance level, risk acceptability and treatment options in line with our broader risk management approach.
- **Stronger focus on controls and assurance**
  - Existing controls have been consolidated, simplified and organised into logical control categories, improving readability.
  - A formal control effectiveness assessment has been introduced for each risk, enabling a clearer understanding of control maturity and performance.
- **Recognition of new and emerging controls**
  - The assessment captures several key improvements implemented during 2026, including:
    - » Disclosure training for staff who deliver education sessions.
    - » Updates to the Sample Collection Manual and child-safe testing practices.
    - » Enhanced intelligence triage, escalation and referral arrangements.
    - » Development of a formal Integrity Complaints Quality Assurance Plan.

Our 2026 Child Safe Risk Assessment reflects a more mature, risk-based approach to managing child safety risks across the agency, strengthening governance, accountability and oversight while aligning more closely with the enterprise risk management framework. The overall child safety risk profile remains **HIGH** due to the nature of the agency's functions and interactions with children and young people, and the potentially significant consequences should harm occur, even where the likelihood of occurrence is low. We maintain a comprehensive suite of preventive, detective and responsive controls that are regularly reviewed, monitored and strengthened to ensure they remain effective and responsive to changes in the operating environment.

2 REQUIREMENT TWO:

Establish and maintain a system of training and compliance, to make staff aware of and compliant with the Framework and relevant legislation, including Working with Children Checks / Working with Vulnerable People Checks and mandatory reporting requirements.

We maintain clear and well-communicated policies that meet the requirements of the Framework and manage additional child-related risks specific to the agency.

We continue to promote a system of compliance and ensure staff comply with child safe working requirements including robust staff screening processes to check the suitability of all staff who will work with children, including a requirement for them to obtain a Working with Children Checks (WWCC) / Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.

We will maintain a central register of all positions identified as requiring a WWCC/WWVP card, along with the employees occupying those positions and the status of their WWCC/WWVP clearances. The register will be subject to regular audit and review to ensure information remains accurate, current, and aligned with organisational requirements. We will proactively monitor card expiry dates and notify employees and managers in advance of renewal deadlines, supporting ongoing compliance and ensuring employees continue to meet the requirements of their role. Where required, we ensure all third-party contractors are screened and vetted as part of our contractual engagements, and those contracting staff who have contact with children are also required to have a valid and current WWCC/WWVP card.

We continue to provide training to staff about their obligations under the Framework and internal child safety policies, including all staff being required to complete the mandatory Commonwealth Child Safe Framework eLearning course.



REQUIREMENT THREE:

Adopt and implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

As a Child Safe Organisation we adopt and implement all the National Principles. We are also committed to continuous improvement and continue to consider ways to better track and embed all National Principles.

Progress over the last 12 months has included:

- Children and young people's views being invited through the children's perceptions of safety in sport survey, and the positive behaviour in sport survey
- Delivering dedicated child safeguarding training to staff who have direct interaction with children and young people as part of regular service delivery.
- Providing similar training to other operational areas such as the Doping Control Officers in 2026–27 to support their interactions with children and young people.
- Conducting a review into existing anti-doping sample collection processes to identify and understand the risks children and young people are exposed to in this process.
- Direct engagement with athletes on the Young Athlete Reference Group (YARG) who provide input and advice around the development of policy, resources and safe practices in sport.
- Hosting the 2026 Sport Integrity Law Enforcement Conference in Perth on 20 October 2026, under the theme 'Partnerships that protect', bringing together law enforcement, government and sporting organisations to strengthen collaboration on child safeguarding and integrity risks in sport.

We reviewed our Child Safe Policy to maintain alignment with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. The review reflected changes to WWCC/WWVP requirements, clarified roles and responsibilities across the agency, strengthened requirements for identifying, reporting and responding to child safety concerns, and more clearly distinguished the policy's overarching commitments from its supporting operational procedures. We expect endorsement in the near future.

REQUIREMENT FOUR:

Publish an annual statement of compliance with the Framework including an overview of the entity's child safety risk assessment (conducted under Requirement One).

We publish our Statement of Compliance in October each year.



Future child safety initiatives

We are committed to building a more educated sport community by delivering education on safeguarding information and practices to athletes, parents, coaches/officials and sports personnel.

We have developed and continue to expand resources that help sporting organisations implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and uphold and consider children's rights in sport.

We continue to implement the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP) which is designed to build the capability of sporting organisations to provide safe environments for children, young people, and all members. The SISCIP, underpinned by the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, assists sporting organisations to implement the principles and strengthen their safeguarding capability through resources, education, training, and ongoing support.

In the next 12 months we will continue to implement the revised National Integrity Framework and associated Integrity Standards across all sporting organisations to further support the safeguarding of children and young people in sport.

We will continue to build the evidence base for our work. This will include ongoing research into children and young people's perceptions of safety in sport, better-practice approaches to improving the experiences of children and young people in officiating roles, and ways to address unsafe spectator behaviour on the sidelines at junior sport. We will also research the support sporting organisations need to better understand and respond to neurodivergent participants.

In the next 12 months, we will progress quality assurance plans in line with the agency's Quality Assurance Policy. We will also review the case categorisation and sanctions guidance framework to ensure behaviours prohibitied under the National Integrity Framework are categorised according to risk and support consistent, proportionate sanction decisions. We will undertake further training in managing challenging interactions so that we remain trauma-informed and equipped to respond to wellbeing concerns.

We will undertake a 5-year review of the National Integrity Program to assess the program's effectiveness, identify strengths and opportunities for improvement, and consider how it could evolve to address current and emerging integrity risks in sport.

Child safety and protection are, and will continue to be, core priorities for Sport Integrity Australia.

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