

The new “Framework” Whole of Board assessment

This evaluation module now aligns to the [governance framework](#) for the sport and recreation sector in New Zealand. It is grouped under the four key framework areas of;

Clarity & Cohesion ♦ People ♦ Inside the Boardroom ♦ Integrity & Accountability.

The framework was developed in consultation with the sector. It sets a benchmark of good practice that organisations can assess against.

A “governance mark”



Organisations have the option of working toward a governance quality mark. This requires strong alignment with the framework and necessitates assessment led by an accredited facilitator. There are some “foundation” elements of the framework that simply must be present to achieve the mark. Additionally around 80% of the “core” elements must be in evidence. The facilitator can provide detail to your board. The mark can be displayed for two years. Its existence and meaning is being communicated to other funders. Organisations interested in working towards this standard should contact; governance@sportnz.org.nz

Administrator and facilitator functions

An administrator sets up the assessment entering directors’ emails, sending reminders, generating reports etc. This is the same as the old system. A facilitator can do all of that but also edit, comment and assess. They can be one and the same or two different people. A facilitator is essential for a “governance mark” assessment.

Multi-year reporting

Automatic comparison for whole of board reports between old and new structures is not possible. That will need to be done manually. Second and subsequent assessments under the new “framework” system can be automatically generated as multi-year reports.

What stays the same?

Much of the user friendly functionality remains the same. The framework is firmly connected to the Nine Steps to Effective Governance and its associated resources. All other modules within the system are unchanged.