

SPORT INTEGRITY REVIEW

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Sport NZ recently undertook a public consultation on sport integrity, seeking the views of a wide range of organisations and individuals involved in sport across Aotearoa.

We sought the public's views on themes that cut across multiple areas of sport integrity, namely:

- Member protection,
- Integrity issues in children's sport
- Organisational culture, whistleblowing and the institutional arrangements for sport integrity
- Anti-doping
- Protecting against corruption
- Protecting against match-fixing

Sport NZ has released an analysis and summary of submissions, and as a result of this has made a total of 22 recommendations designed to address key issues identified.

Work is well underway on a number of the recommendations, with some seeking to build on successful projects or programmes that are already in place. There are two principal recommendations that Sport NZ believes will have the biggest impact, across all areas of sport integrity. These are:

- the piloting of an independent sports complaints management service; and
- the establishment of a central online repository for sport integrity guidance and resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 22 recommendations have been grouped into six categories:

- Dispute resolution and reporting
- Partner capability and compliance
- Education
- Resources and tools
- Policy
- Enforcement

WHERE TO NEXT?

As noted above, work has started on a number of recommendations. The remaining recommendations will be prioritised, costed and phased for successful implementation.

Sport NZ will work with the system, by seeking input from appropriate partner organisations.

A summary of each of the recommendations follows. For more information on each, refer to the full [Findings and Recommendations document](#).

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DISPUTE REPORTING AND RESOLUTION

- Pilot an independent sports complaints management service.
- Investigate whether a sports mediation service should be established.
- Explore whether New Zealand should establish a domestic appeal body from the Sports Tribunal to provide an alternative to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- Amend the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006 to allow for the Sports Tribunal to have more members.
- Encourage New Zealand Rugby to use the Sports Tribunal to ensure consistency across all sports.

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PARTNER CAPABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

- Strengthen NSO capability in governance and finance through Sport NZ's NSO Capability Project.
- Investigate options for ensuring all sports organisations have a child protection officer and a child protection policy in place.

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EDUCATION

- Explore whether Sport NZ's parent and coach education workstreams could contribute more to child safeguarding.
- Formally evaluate existing sideline behaviour programmes with a view to expand the initiative(s) that work best.
- Increase Drug Free Sport New Zealand's education programme.
- Explore the demand for a government-provided match-fixing education programme and national reporting point for match-fixing intelligence.

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RESOURCES AND TOOLS

- Investigate the establishment of a central online repository for sport integrity guidance and resources, similar to Australia's Play by the Rules website.
- Update Sport NZ's Safe Sport for Children guidance to reflect legislative amendments since it was initially drafted and any other changes required.
- Include integrity-related questions in Sport NZ's annual Voice of the Participant survey to gain a better understanding of participants' views on the integrity of sport in New Zealand and the impact of integrity-related issues on participation.

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POLICY

- Monitor developments with the proposed Police vetting reforms.
- Work with the sector to submit on the modernisation of the Charities Act.
- Monitor the Incorporated Societies Act reforms and provide guidance to the sector to help them meet their new obligations and update existing guidance as necessary.
- Work with DFSNZ and relevant regulatory agencies when the regulatory instruments governing sports foods and supplements are reviewed to ensure the views of the sport sector are considered.
- Consider whether NZ should become a signatory to the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention).

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ENFORCEMENT

- Increase DFSNZ's resources for testing and intelligence, including exploring a pool of funding for drug testing at one-off events and a system for managing doping intelligence.
- Work with DFSNZ and the Ministry of Justice to explore the possibility of DFSNZ having the power to compel the production of information in certain circumstances.
- Continue to work with DFSNZ to advocate for greater flexibility in the sanctioning of lower level athletes who are found guilty of anti-doping rule violations.



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