

Sport Integrity Framework

The value of sport

Sport is part of who we are as New Zealanders. And we're pretty good at it. Our participation rates are among the highest in the world and we produce more than our fair share of winners on the world stage.

We also have a reputation for sportsmanship – we play hard, but fair. We strive to uphold the values of sport, whether we're Olympic champions or weekend warriors. This love of sport provides many benefits for individuals, communities and the nation. And because of that, sport is highly valued.

However there are many things that have globally been seen to undermine the integrity of sport, from match-fixing and corruption, to the behaviour of sideline supporters.

Therefore upholding the integrity of our sport system is vital to ensuring sport continues to be valued, and provide value to New Zealanders.

The Sport Integrity Framework

Sport NZ's Sport Integrity Framework will support all those involved in sport and active recreation, and ensure we take a consistent approach to issues that can compromise the integrity of sport. The Framework provides advice and resources on a range of integrity matters, which come from a range of sources, and will be updated when new advice, resources and tools become available.



Sport Integrity Framework focus areas

Corruption: Corruption has no place in New Zealand society and playing fair off the sports field is just as important as playing fair on it. Corruption in any form has the potential to affect the integrity, growth and development of New Zealand sport.

Match-fixing: Sport should always be a fair contest. But around the world, sport is increasingly being targeted by criminals seeking to make money through match-fixing and other illegal and unethical gambling activities. This tarnishes the reputation of sport and undermines its value.

Doping: Doping in sport is both unhealthy and contrary to the ethics and spirit of sport. New Zealand fully supports the position of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) against the use of banned substances and methods to gain an unfair advantage.

Player welfare: For sport to enrich the lives of New Zealanders, player welfare should be front of mind for all those who deliver sport from grass roots through to high performance. Management, officials, coaches, medical personnel and many others have a role to play in supporting the health, safety and well-being of all those involved, both on and off the field.

Member protection: Every person involved in sport has the right to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be safe and protected from abuse. Sport providers have a responsibility to ensure that everyone involved in their activities is aware of his or her legal and ethical rights and responsibilities.

Child protection: Every child has the right to participate in a sporting environment that is safe and supportive, where they are encouraged to be the best they can be, can enjoy what they are doing and be free from harm. This will increase the chances of instilling a lifelong love of sport and active recreation.

Supporting diversity: Every Kiwi has the right to participate in sport and recreation within a welcoming and inclusive environment, and to be treated with respect, empathy and positive regard irrespective of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs or socio-economic status.

The Framework is available on the Sport NZ website at www.sportnz.org.nz/integrity

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