

Message for National Sporting Organisations

***Play by the Rules* - helping keep sport inclusive, safe and fair**

Sporting, child protection and anti-discrimination agencies around the country, together with Australian sporting leaders such as John Eales and Layne Beachley, are calling on sport at all levels to use *Play By The Rules* to raise awareness of their responsibilities under legislation and sport law to keep Australian sport inclusive, safe and fair.

Play By The Rules (www.playbytherules.net.au) is a free website which offers online training, information and resources for clubs and sporting organisations to ensure everyone involved in sport can do so in enjoyable, safe environments, free from discrimination or harassment.

In response to feedback from the sports industry, a number of features have been added to [Play by the Rules](#) including a new section ([Got an Issue](#)) that provides information on common issues and challenges such as team selection, girls playing in boy's teams and angry parents; [short interactive scenarios](#) on topical sport issues including junior team selection, religious inclusion, disability inclusion, homophobia and sexual harassment; [new guidelines](#) to support sporting personnel in areas such as, supervision for away trips and maintaining appropriate boundaries ; [state- specific information](#) on requirements under anti-discrimination and child protection legislation including working with children checks and mandatory reporting, and a [comprehensive section](#) that enables users to search by resource type, subject, agency and state.

[Play by the Rules](#) is a unique partnership between the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Human Rights Commission, all state and territory sport and recreation and anti-discrimination agencies and the Queensland Commission for Children, Young People and Child Guardian.

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