# FAIR PLAY CODE – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

# Victorian Code of Conduct for Sport and Recreation

## What is the Fair Play Code?

The Victorian Government’s Fair Play Code is a code of conduct for sport and recreation in Victoria. It outlines the standards of behaviour expected for everyone involved in sport and active recreation across the state.

## Who does the Code apply to?

The Fair Play Code applies to every person involved

in sport and active recreation in Victoria including:

* players
* participants
* coaches
* support persons
* officials
* volunteers
* administrators
* club members
* spectators
* parents
* members of the public.

## What does the Code do?

The Fair Play Code provides guidelines on expected standards of behaviour with the aim of encouraging a safe, welcoming and inclusive sport and active recreation environments.

The Fair Play Code is guided by the five principles of:

* integrity
* respect
* responsibility
* fairness
* safety.

It also provides guidance on individual responsibilities, dealing with potential breaches and where to seek further information.

## Who is responsible for implementing the Code?

All Victorian sport and active recreation organisations:

* are encouraged to incorporate the Fair Play Code into their code of conduct, member protection policy, child safeguarding policy, constitution and other governance documents
* must demonstrate adherence to and enforcement of the Fair Play Code, to be eligible for funding from the Victorian Government.

The Fair Play Code enables every person involved in   
|sport and recreation to commit to consistent standards   
of behaviour to help maintain the integrity of sport   
and recreation.

## Reporting a suspected breach of the Code:

**Refer to:**

* the relevant club, league/association, state sporting association or national sporting association member protection, child safeguarding or other relevant policy
* contact your Member Protection Information Officer
* or Vicsport
* Contact Sport Integrity Australia (if relevant - see information below)
* an external authority, such as Victoria Police or the Commission for Children and Young People if potential unlawful conduct or when required by law.

## Sport Integrity Australia

* Sport Integrity Australia can receive information about conduct in any sport, however are only authorised to manage complaints in sports where the organisation that represents them has chosen to adopt the National Integrity Framework.
* Sports that have not opted to use Sport Integrity Australia to manage complaints will have their own
* complaint management system in place. In this case, reports will need to be made to the relevant sport governing body.
* See sports signed up to the National Integrity Framework here: [https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/national-integrity-framework/sports-signed national-integrity-framework](https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/national-integrity-framework/sports-signed%20national-integrity-framework)

## More information:

* [Sport and Recreation Victoria - Fair Play Code](https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-play-code)
* [Sport Integrity Australia](https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/)
* [Vicsport](https://vicsport.com.au/)