



Australian Government
Sport Integrity Australia



SPORT INTEGRITY
AUSTRALIA

Factsheet

Sport Integrity Australia will begin on 1 July 2020. The agency brings the Commonwealth's sports integrity workforce together: the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), the National Integrity Sports Unit (NISU) and the national integrity programs of Sport Australia (SA) will join forces to become one entity providing national coordination and streamlined support to sports.

Role and Functions of Sport Integrity Australia

The agency will focus on policy development, intelligence, investigations (primarily of doping cases), and education/outreach/capability building. The agency will function as Australia's National Anti-Doping Organisation

Sporting organisations, and other stakeholders, will benefit from the ability to deal with a single nationally coordinated organisation to address all sport integrity issues. The agency's remit includes providing advice and assistance in countering:

- Manipulation of sporting competitions
- Use of drugs and doping methods in sport
- Abuse of children and other persons in a sporting environment
- Failure to protect members of sporting organisations and other persons in a sporting environment from bullying, intimidation, discrimination or harassment.

Sport Integrity Australia will not take over or replace the current integrity role of sports. It is critical that sporting organisations continue to take responsibility for maintaining integrity across their organisation. Where sports already have advanced integrity units, Sport Integrity Australia will support and value-add to those existing integrity functions. Where sports may currently lack resources, Sport Integrity Australia will assist in developing these functions and capabilities.

What will and won't change

Stakeholders can expect a coordinated and streamlined approach to sports integrity. Sport Integrity Australia will assess all matters that are reported, and proactively work with partners to address issues. However the agency does not have powers or resources beyond those already provided to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority, National Integrity of Sport Unit and Sport Australia, therefore, some integrity matters will be referred to an appropriate external agency to action. Acting as a central coordination point for sport integrity issues, Sport Integrity Australia will monitor trends and patterns across the sporting landscape and will work with sports and patterns to address risks and improve systems.

Uniforms: Anti-doping field staff (education presenters, Doping Control Officers, Chaperones) will have a 'clean fair sport' uniform in the interim until the Sport Integrity Australia uniforms are rolled out, which we expect to occur by the end of 2020.

Wood review implementation: Sport Integrity Australia will work to implement the second stage of the Government's response to the Wood Review – which if implemented will deliver a range of important additional integrity capabilities and services including enhanced match-fixing detection and suspicious wagering alert capabilities and commonwealth match fixing offences.

Sports Betting Integrity: The Sports Betting Integrity Unit (SBIU) within the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) will continue its work to protect Australian sport from criminal influence, match-fixing and related corruption. In due course, the general functions of the SBIU will transition into Sport Integrity Australia.

Implementation Plan

Sport Integrity Australia, and the broader Government response to the Wood Review will be delivered across two stages – with stage one commencing on 1 July 2020, and stage-two being subject to further stakeholder consultation and requiring additional government approval prior to commencement.

Summary of Stage-One and proposed Stage-Two functions

Stage-One	Stage-Two (in addition to Stage-One)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ coordination of a national approach to sport integrity matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ provide a single point of contact on sport integrity issues ○ provide assistance to athletes and sports organisations ○ develop a single, easily identifiable education and outreach platform ▪ all functions and roles currently performed by ASADA and its CEO ▪ all functions currently performed by NISU ▪ current nationally focused sports integrity functions of Sport Australia (child safeguarding, member protection and complaint management processes) ▪ development of Stage-Two proposals and policy response ▪ act as the national platform for the purposes of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (“the Macolin Convention”), driving the development of national criminal match-fixing legislation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the establishment and administration of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS) ▪ enhancing match-fixing detection and suspicious wagering alert capabilities ▪ development of a Suspicious Activity Alert System ▪ establishment of a strategic analysis unit ▪ establishment of a joint intelligence and investigations unit ▪ establishing a whistle-blower scheme encompassing all sports integrity issues and a related source protection framework

Stage-One

From its commencement, Sport Integrity Australia will cohesively bring together, develop and nationally coordinate all elements of the response to the threat to the integrity of sport in Australia. This will include acting as a single point of contact for National Sporting Bodies and other sporting organisations, athletes, sports wagering service providers and other stakeholders in relation to all sport integrity related matters. Sport Integrity Australia will work in partnership with all Australian sports and will specifically provide assistance to those Australian sports that may not have the required capacity to deal with the range of integrity threats that they may be facing.

Sport Integrity Australia will work to establish a comprehensive education and outreach platform dedicated to the development, coordination and dissemination of programs. This will be undertaken in collaboration with Sport Australia, sports, athletes and their representative bodies.

Sport Integrity Australia will perform the role as Australia’s National Platform for the purposes of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (“the Macolin Convention”). This will provide the mechanism for the enactment of national criminal match-fixing legislation that will support an effective response to international sport integrity matters by acknowledging the transnational nature of match-fixing and related corruption in sport and that threats continue to exist to the integrity of Australian-based competitions. This will lead to the development of national criminal match-fixing legislation.

Stage-Two

Sport Integrity Australia will assume responsibility for leading further development, and implementation of the Government response to the Wood Review – including those functions identified for stage-two as listed below. Stage-two remains the subject of ongoing consultation, and will only proceed subject to additional government approval.

- the establishment of an Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS);
- enhancing match-fixing detection and suspicious wagering alert capabilities by assuming general functions of the Sports Betting Integrity Unit (SBIU) of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), continuing its vital work to protect Australian sport from criminal influence, match-fixing and related corruption
- development of a Suspicious Activity Alert System (SAAS)
- establishing a central clearinghouse function to receive, assess and disseminate data, information and intelligence from relevant stakeholders
- establishing a whistle-blower scheme encompassing all sports integrity issues and a related source protection framework
- establishing a Joint Intelligence and Investigations Unit (JIU) with dedicated representatives of state and territory law-enforcement agencies and relevant Commonwealth agencies to collect and analyse intelligence and refer code of conduct issues to sporting organisations and criminal matters to law enforcement agencies.