Good Governance in Australia

Australia’s response to improving governance in the national sports system
What is the Australian Sports Commission?
PRIORITY ACTION AREAS

1. Insights into changing participation trends
2. Driving demand for lifelong participation
3. Building sports capability
PRIORITIZED ACTION AREAS

- Governance reform
- Product development and commercial sustainability
- Workforce
- Coaching and officiating
- Facilities and infrastructure
- Digital leadership
- Play by the Rules
- National Board Register

Insights into changing participation trends

Building sports capability

Driving demand for lifelong participation
- Evidence-based decisions linked to targets
- Investing for success
- Planning to perform
- The right support
- Good governance and capability

Top 5
Olympics and Paralympics

Top 15
Winter Olympics and Paralympics

#1 Commonwealth Games

20+ World champions annually
Mandatory governance standards underpin continuous governance improvement

**Stakeholder relationships**
(National engagement & alignment)

**Continuous improvement**
(Values-based, committed to excellence)

**Process**
(Governance systems)

**Reporting**
(Board reporting & performance)

**Decision making**
(Ethical & responsible decision making)

**Structure**
Legal and constitutional structure of the Sport

**Skills**
Board composition and operation

**Accountability**
Transparency, reporting and integrity

**CULTURAL**
Best practice

**BEHAVIOURAL**
Sports Governance Principles

**STRUCTURAL**
Mandatory Governance Standards
1. Structure for sport
2. Board composition and operation
3. Sport transparency, reporting and integrity
A framework for more capable businesses in Sport
Annual Sports Performance Review

Assessment focus
The ASPR considers NSO performance in four key areas:

- Governance
- High performance (where appropriate)
- Participation
- Finance
Sports Tally reviews the progress of national sporting organisations across the interrelated areas of high performance, participation and governance so that all Australians remain informed about the relative performance and progress of Australian sport.

The tally key

- **underperforming**: significantly below expectation; solutions to challenges not identified
- **progressing**: evidence of improvement; solutions to challenges being implemented
- **on track**: working well across key areas; on target
- **performing**: performing well in all areas; above target
- **excelling**: exceptional performance; setting a standard for others to aspire

**Comparison ranking** – each sport will have a comparison ranking compared to the previous year (2013). This will provide an honest assessment of how each sport has performed over the year in comparison to the previous year.

- 🔹 = up  🔻 = down  🔹🔹 = same
Discussion

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