



Sport – Supporting women in sport

The Australian Government is driving the promotion of women's sport and major events through a \$19.9 million which will include support for the hosting of two major women's sporting events – Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) Women's World Cup 2022 and Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup 2023.

These events will support Australia's economic recovery from COVID-19, support greater equity in sport for women and girls and display our sporting prowess on home-soil. In particular:

- Basketball Australia will be funded \$5 million to plan and deliver the FIBA Women's World Cup 2022 and increase female participation and leadership in basketball.
 - The Opals are currently ranked second in the world, and will be looking to go one better than their silver medal performance at the 2018 FIBA Women's World Cup.
- Football Australia will receive funding support of \$12 million for a Matildas high performance program in the lead up to the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, and community engagement to encourage more participation in football by women and girls.
 - The Matildas are currently ranked 9th in the world and regularly voted Australia's most loved sporting team.
- \$2.9 million for coordination activities on upcoming major sporting events

Why is this important?

Hosting the FIBA Women's World Cup 2022 and FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, 2 of the largest women's sporting events in the world, provides an unparalleled opportunity to drive the promotion of women's sport. This will strengthen Australia's reputation as a world leader in supporting women in sport and help our sporting industry recover from COVID-19.

The timeline of major sporting events in Australia over the next decade, including the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 and FIBA Women's World Cup 2022 and culminating in a potential 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, provides a unique opportunity to create significant socio-economic legacies that will last generations.

Who will benefit?

Women's sport, professional and amateur, will benefit from the prestige of the 2 World Cup events and the growth in participation expected from supported engagement activities.

How much will this cost?

The Australian Government is investing \$19.9 million over 2 years, from 2021–22.