



Sport - Safeguarding sporting integrity

The Australian Government will invest \$35 million in safeguarding sporting integrity. Key initiatives include:

- continuing to act on the recommendations of the 2018 Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements (the Wood Review), by providing investment of \$24.9 million to maintain Sport Integrity Australia's foundation anti-doping, criminal intelligence and administrative capabilities, including support for the Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory (ASDTL)
- \$4.9 million to strengthen child safeguarding practices, and ensuring the safety and protection of children. A dedicated team will be established to work with all recognised National Sporting Organisations to embed child safeguards, and drive cultural change in line with national requirements like the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
- \$3.4 million to continue and enhance connections to the domestic World Anti-Doping Agency, and affirming domestic integrity capabilities in preparation for major sporting events, and
- \$1.8 million to streamline the regulation of sports wagering through a new Australian Sports Wagering Scheme (ASWS). The ASWS will bring together regulatory approaches across Commonwealth, and state and territories jurisdictions to ensure there is a framework to protect the integrity of sport, and make Australian sporting competitions more resistant to ever evolving manipulation tactics.

Why is this important?

The funding for Sport Integrity Australia supports the Australian commitment to integrity in sport and maintains Sport Integrity Australia's position as a preeminent National Anti-Doping Organisation.

The contribution to the ASDTL also helps support the bid for the 2032 Olympics and Paralympic Games and other major sporting events into the future.

Sustainable funding of Sport Integrity Australia's anti-doping capability is also a part of key recommendations arising from the Wood Review, which was commissioned in 2017 and agreed by the Government.

The consultative development of the ASWS is another part of the Australian Government's commitment to ensuring integrity in sport and to better protect against increasingly insidious forms of corrupt behaviour targeting sport.

Who will benefit?

This will benefit athletes and organisations at all levels of Australian sport including professional and amateur competitors, National Sporting Organisations, and Australia's sport-loving community through continued investment in Sport Integrity Australia and their work to deliver fairness, transparency and confidence in the integrity of Australian sport.

The development of the ASWS will reduce the administrative burden on the sports industry and build the capability of sporting organisations and wagering service providers to better address sports integrity risks and threats associated with sports betting.

There will be flow-on benefits from an investment in sporting integrity in Australia, with the increased competitiveness it provides to a range of international bids for major sporting event hosting rights, including the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games bid.

How much will this cost?

The Australian Government is investing \$35 million over 4 years, from 2021–22.