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Australian Curling Federation Education Plan

Introduction

Education is key to protecting the integrity of Australian sport. Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and the Australian Curling Federation (ACF) are committed to working together to mitigate and manage integrity threats to provide a safe and fair environment for participants at all levels of sport.

This Education Plan has been developed in partnership with SIA, who will support this plan through the provision of education resources and interventions as and where possible. It outlines the required and recommended education interventions for all members of the ACF to facilitate compliance with the National Integrity Framework policies, the ACF Anti-Doping Policy and the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Education (ISE).

Anti-Doping

Under the ISE, SIA is required to ensure specific cohorts receive anti-doping education - either via online or face-to-face education. A key principle of the ISE is that athletes should receive education prior to being tested.

To satisfy these requirements, the following cohorts are required to receive anti-doping education:

- Any athletes included in Registered, National or Domestic Testing Pools;
- Any athletes and support personnel* competing or involved in International or Declared events, championships or competitions;
- Any athletes and support personnel* competing or involved in leagues subject to User Pay testing;
- Any athletes and support personnel* returning from an Anti-Doping Rule Violation sanction.

*Support Personnel includes any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any Other Person working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in or preparing for sports Competition. See articles 1.3.1.1 and 1.3.1.2 of anti-doping policy for further information.

National Integrity Framework

The topics outlined in this Education Plan provide a structured approach to educating members and key stakeholders about the ACF's integrity policies and Sport Integrity Australia's independent complaints process.

The ACF is responsible for ensuring education is provided to specific cohorts to help participants in the sport become familiar with their obligations under the National Integrity Framework.

Required and Recommended Education

Attachment A - Required and Recommended Education outlines the anti-doping and integrity education requirements and recommendations for ACF members, categorised by membership type and competition level.

Commitment

SIA will provide:

- Access to a range of free online integrity education materials
- A suite of resources to promote education, including social media tiles, posters, videos and digital resources;
- Government-funded or user pay face-to-face/webinar education sessions;
- Assistance with eLearning completion reports for the ACF.

ACF will be responsible for:

- Mandating the completion of education requirements as outlined in **Attachment A**;
- Promoting recommended education interventions as outlined in **Attachment A**, by providing resources to State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), and promoting education in communication materials; and
- As appropriate, coordinating face-to-face education sessions with SIA, including providing adequate facilities and support.

Education Plan Compliance Model

The following criteria will be used when assessing education implementation for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy (Articles 12.1, 12.2, 12.4 and 17) and the Australian Sports Commission Sport Recognition Agreement.

- The ACF communicates effectively and efficiently with SIA to develop and implement this plan;
- The ACF promotes education to relevant members – as evidenced via emails, newsletters, social media posts, and event packs etc; and
- The ACF prioritises monitoring of and compliance with the required education outlined in **Attachment A**.

For the purpose of the SIA Sport Assurance Framework, the Australian Curling Federation may be asked to provide evidence of how they have implemented this plan at various levels (e.g. by providing copies of emails to SSOs, social media posts tagging SIA, newsletters, etc). The Education Plan will be reviewed annually, or as necessary to assess implementation and compliance, allow for changes in response to any evolving threats, and to incorporate new education resources developed by Sport Integrity Australia.

Conclusion

This Education Plan is a partnership between SIA, who will support this plan through the provision of education resources and interventions, and the ACF, who is responsible for implementing this plan within their sport. Through this plan, together we aim to provide a safe, fair environment for members and participants of all levels of sport and reduce anti-doping rule violations, either deliberate or inadvertent, protect the health and wellbeing of all members, and uphold the integrity of the ACF.

Attachment A(i) – Athlete Required & Recommended Education

		ATHLETES		
		Testing Pool	International/National	State
		Testing Pool Athletes	Australian Representatives NSO Categorised Athletes Teams Nominating for National Championships	State Leagues
ANTI-DOPING COURSES	Anti-Doping Fundamentals	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED
	Annual Update	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED
	Clean Sport 101			
	Whereabouts	REQUIRED (RTP Athletes only)		
	Decision Making in Sport		RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
INTEGRITY COURSES	National Integrity Framework			
	Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED
	Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	Classification Fundamentals	REQUIRED (Wheelchair Curlers only)	REQUIRED (Wheelchair Curlers only)	RECOMMENDED

Attachment A(ii) – Coach and Support Personnel Required & Recommended Education

		COACHES		SUPPORT PERSONNEL	
		International & National	State & Pathway	International & National	State & Pathway
		International Events National Events	State Leagues National Development Groups	International Events National Events	State Leagues National Development Groups
ANTI-DOPING COURSES	Anti-Doping Fundamentals	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED
	Annual Update	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED
	Clean Sport 101				
	Whereabouts	REQUIRED <small>(If coaching RTP Athletes)</small>			
	Coaches Course	REQUIRED	REQUIRED		
	Medical Practitioners Course			REQUIRED <small>(Doctors Only)</small>	
INTEGRITY COURSES	National Integrity Framework	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED		
	Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
	Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED (Umpires only)	RECOMMENDED
	Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	Classification Fundamentals	REQUIRED <small>(Wheelchair Curlers Support Personnel only)</small>	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED <small>(Wheelchair Curlers Support Personnel only)</small>	RECOMMENDED

Attachment A(iii) – Administrator and Volunteer Required & Recommended Education

		ADMINISTRATORS		VOLUNTEERS
		National Sporting Organisation	State Sporting Organisations	All Levels
		NSO Executive Committee & Staff	SSO Committee & Staff	All Volunteers
ANTI-DOPING COURSES	Anti-Doping Fundamentals	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	
	Annual Update	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	
	Clean Sport 101			
	Whereabouts			
	Coaches Course			
	Parents' Guide to Clean Sport			
INTEGRITY COURSES	National Integrity Framework	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
	Safeguarding Children and Young People Induction	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED (aligned with state WWCC requirements)
	Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling	REQUIRED	RECOMMENDED	
	Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
	Classification Fundamentals	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	