



e-Bulletin – October 2012

A matter of trust

What would sport do without coaches? They provide players with the skills and knowledge needed to develop, improve and succeed in their sport, and also have a major influence over participants' enjoyment of sport. Coaches are in positions of trust and able to assert authority and power over players; read this [article](#) on how the proper use of this power is vitally important in all coach and player relationships.



Let's all Get in the Game!

The Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative is already proving to be a great success with clubs across the state.

Get in the Game consists of three new funding programs worth \$18 million over the next three years. *Get Started*, *Get*

Going and *Get Playing* are designed to get more people, especially children and young people, playing sport and involved in recreation activities by assisting with grants. Click [here](#) for information.



A career in the media?

The Australian Human Rights Commission are looking at recruiting 10 people to participate in the *Tell Me a Story* program, where they will record a short video about ordinary people taking extraordinary human rights action in the Australian community. There will be a one-day storytelling training workshop for successful participants and JB Hi Fi vouchers and an i-Pad up for grabs. For details click [here](#).



The role of sports tribunals

We've all heard the term 'tribunal', but what are they exactly? Is it really something sports clubs needs to worry about? Read our [article](#) on the important role tribunals play in allowing members the opportunity to get a fair and unbiased hearing when disputes arise.



Real Heroes Walk Away

According to News Limited analysis more than a quarter of king hit assaults across the nation in the last seven years took place during football matches, at football venues or involved people linked to a football club. The worrying connection has emerged as officials, coaches and parents urge everyone involved in junior sport to make sure our kids are getting the right messages about violence as soon as they first lace up their boots. News Limited has started a campaign called *Real Heroes Walk Away* – you can show your support by signing the petition at news.com.au or spreading the message on Facebook and Twitter via #heroeswalkaway.



Kidsafeday competition

Got a story about active and safe play? Get blogging about it today and you could go in the draw to win some great prizes, as well as help to make a safer world for kids. Just visit: www.kidsafeday.com.au/bloggers-competition in the lead up to National Kidsafe Day on 23 October.



Free posters for your club

If your club would like some *Play by the Rules* posters, flyers, respect cards or postcards to promote safe, fair and inclusive sport in your new member kits or to put up around your clubhouse, simply go to our [resources](#) section, download what you'd like and print out as many as you want. We also have A0 sized posters available which can be printed out and put up in stadiums or on fencing around playing fields – email admin@playbytherules.net.au to get the printer files for these posters.

Sports' contribution to Indigenous wellbeing

The House of Representatives Committee are currently holding an inquiry into *the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring*. The Committee will examine how sporting bodies can increase opportunities for Indigenous participation, including for Indigenous women, and how NGOs can use sport as a vehicle to improve outcomes for Indigenous people. The Committee will also look at how Indigenous sporting programs can contribute to Closing the Gap targets. Make a submission [here](#) by 26 October.

Be part of the Beehive

Beehive Foundation is a new not-for-profit aimed at implementing structured programs to help 11 – 21 years olds develop coping strategies, self esteem and confidence through life skills that focus on work-ethic, motivation and goal setting. It was formed in response to a serious increase in bullying, depression, self-harm and suicide in the community and is primarily targeted at junior sporting organisations. For details on how to get involved click [here](#).



Play by the Rules event calendar

Play by the Rules has developed a new online events [calendar](#). We hope to showcase events, training and conferences around the country related to safe, fair and inclusive sport. If you would like to submit an event for inclusion simply email to admin@playbytherules.net.au.

Racism, it stops with me!

Following a fantastic launch in Melbourne and a speech at the National Press Club from Race Discrimination Commissioner (and *Play by the Rules* Co-chair) Helen Szoke to promote the new national campaign 'Racism. It stops with me', many national, state and local sporting organisations and clubs have signed up as supporters to the campaign.

Play by the Rules is one of these proud supporters and we are currently organising a section of our website with specific resources and tools to address racism in sport which can be used by supporters of the campaign. Find out more about the campaign and how you can show your support by clicking [here](#).



More boots for all

Not-for-profit organisation *Boots For All* has partnered with Australia Post to help expand its operation to

provide second-hand and new sporting equipment for redistribution to disadvantaged teams across Australia. Since its inception in 2006, Boots For All has passed on more than 5,500 pairs of footy boots and other sports equipment to disadvantaged children and adults. Click [here](#) for details.



Cool new technology

The NSW Commission for Children and Young People have made their [Citizen Me!](#) resource available for download on your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch. Citizen Me! has been developed to help organisations, including government departments, meaningfully and effectively involve children and young people in their decision making. [Swim Australia](#) has launched a new user-friendly

website and Softball Australia has launched their new Softball [Batter Up website](#) to introduce participants to the game of softball through a range of activities and games.



AFL and No To Homophobia

Congratulations to the success of the No To Homophobia campaign, which has brought attention to the harassment and discrimination faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (GLBTIQ) people. Their ads were played at the AFL finals and their online campaign has received fantastic support – *Play by the Rules* is proud to be one of the campaign's supporters. To keep informed and provide support, click on their [website](#).

Support everyone to participate in society

Social Inclusion Week (24 Nov – 2 Dec) aims to help ensure all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society. It's about connecting local communities, teammates, family and friends in order to build and strengthen relationships and networks, addressing isolation and exclusion. This year the two themes are mental health and the inclusion of older Australians. *Play by the Rules* is proud to support Social Inclusion Week - for more info or to register your event visit www.socialinclusionweek.com.au



Sports CONNECT

Sports CONNECT is a national framework that develops pathways for people with disability to get involved in sport, by creating and developing relationships between sports and disability organisations. Sports CONNECT is supported at the state and territory level through partnerships with state departments of sport and recreation. These partnerships are critical as they provide the link to state and local organisations and communities, as well as providing feedback to the Australian Sports Commission to guide national strategies. For details click [here](#).

Link from your website to ours

If you would like a *Play by the Rules* logo or our free online training course logo to be able to link to us from your website, simply send a request via email to admin@playbytherules.net.au and we will send you the logos to upload on your site. This will provide a direct link for your members to access a range of excellent *Play by the Rules* resources, information, tools and templates, and our online training course.



Subscribe and WIN!

Subscribe to the free monthly *Play by the Rules* e-bulletin and you'll go in the draw to win a \$300 Australian Institute of Sport clothing pack. Simply go to [website](#) and enter your email address in the subscribe button on the homepage or send an email with 'subscribe' in the subject box to admin@playbytherules.net.au.

Awards/grants/funding

- The Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Awards recognise and celebrate local sporting heroes and groups who have gone 'above and beyond' to make community sport and recreation as attractive and inclusive as possible. [Nominations](#) close 24 Oct.
- The 2012 National Volunteer Awards are an opportunity to recognise the contribution of local volunteers to communities all over Australia. Contact your local federal MP for more info or visit their [website](#). Nominations close 8 Nov.



- More Victorian regional football and netball clubs can look forward to celebrating future finals seasons in style, following the announcement of more than \$407,000 from the Victorian Government's *Country Football Netball Program*.
- The Australian Sports Commission's Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP) provided jointly with the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government and the Arts and Sport, provides funding to Indigenous athletes selected for state, territory or national teams. Click [here](#) for more information on grants and funding.

Events

Following is a selection of some upcoming events:

- The *Our Sporting Future Forum* to be held from 10-12 April 2013, will provide participants with the opportunity to learn and contribute to discussions on the future of Australia's sporting industry, looking into both internal and external impacts on Australia, and the potential effects this may have on sporting stakeholders. For information click [here](#).
- The WA Department of Sport and Recreation have developed a series of free [workshops](#) targeted at State Sporting Associations and local community sport and recreation clubs across Western Australia.
- Sport and Recreation Services QLD offers Building Active Communities Workshops to assist clubs and their members. For workshop dates check out their events [calendar](#).
- The Australian Human Rights Commission will be holding their annual Human Rights Medals and Awards in Sydney on 10 December. Nominate for an award or to register for the award ceremony [here](#).
- The NSW Sports Federation provides a range of courses for sporting organisations, including upcoming workshops on 'Resolving Conflict in Your Club'. For details go to their [sports clubs education page](#).
- Sport and Recreation (NSW) offers a wide range of training in sports admin, safety and coaching right across NSW. Visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/training/ for details.



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