



#Play it Fair Online

Online Safety Statement of Commitment

Sport is a way of life in Australia. It brings us together to watch, play and be involved from our homes to community ovals and stadiums. It lifts our spirits when they are at their lowest, gives us hope and upholds the Australian ideal of having a fair go.

The rise of social media allows fans to be part of the game commentary, in real-time at the tap of a screen.

It's a sad reality that these online interactions are not always positive. We see athletes increasingly becoming the targets of seriously harmful online abuse and hate speech that includes racism, misogyny and homophobia. This compounds the daily prejudice they may experience and serves to normalise these abhorrent behaviours.

As role models in our communities, athletes are often in the online spotlight and they need policies and practices to protect them from the online abuse that is levelled at them. In response, the eSafety Commissioner and Australia's major sporting organisations have joined forces to call out online abuse in Australian sport and the wider community.

Only together can we change the game.

All organisations signing this statement are committing to:

- Drive positive change and actively support the work of the eSafety Commissioner to help keep all Australians, from grassroots to professional athletes, staff and officials, safe online.
- Draw upon the eSafety Commissioner's resources to support, train, and implement prevention strategies for athletes and staff who are targets of online abuse.
- Ensure internal policies and processes are in place to support organisations and athletes to report online abuse.
- Support the eSafety Commissioner's research agenda to inform future strategies and initiatives to protect those who are most at risk online.
- Help to actively promote the principles of online safety through social media channels and communications campaigns.

The eSafety Commissioner, together with the following organisations, hereby sign this Online Safety Statement of Commitment to address online abuse in Australian sport.



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