



Touch Football Australia Integrity Education Plan



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The background of the image shows an outdoor sports field with several tall, blue, feather-shaped banners. Each banner features the 'DOORDASH' logo at the top, followed by the 'NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL' logo, and the word 'INTEGRITY' written vertically in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. In the lower right, several people in blue and yellow sports uniforms are visible, some standing and others in motion. The overall scene is set against a backdrop of green trees under a clear sky.

Integrity education equips everyone in sport to recognise risk, make ethical decisions, and help protect the integrity and wellbeing of the sporting community.

Purpose

Education is key to **protecting the integrity of Australian Sport.**

Touch Football Australia (TFA) and **Sport integrity Australia (SIA)** are committed to working in partnership to identify, mitigate, and manage integrity threats, ensuring a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for all participants at every level of the sport. Integrity education equips everyone in sport to recognise risk, make ethical decisions, and help protect the integrity and wellbeing of the sporting community.

This Education Plan outlines the targeted learning and development initiatives designed to support all members in understanding and complying with the National Integrity Framework Policies (NIF), the TFA Anti-Doping Policy, and the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Education (ISE). This plan will be reviewed annually and updated when necessary.



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International Standard of Education Anti-Doping

Under the ISE, SIA is responsible for ensuring that designated cohorts receive appropriate anti-doping education. A key principle of the ISE is that an athlete's first experience with anti-doping should be through education rather than doping control (testing).

To meet these obligations, the following cohorts are required to receive anti-doping education:

- Any athlete included in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP), National Testing Pool (NTP), or Domestic Testing Pool (DTP).
- Any athlete and support personnel* competing in, or involved with, International or Declared Events.
- Any athlete and support personnel* competing in, or involved with, competitions subject to User-Pay Testing.
- Any athlete and support personnel* returning from an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) 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 Education

The topics outlined in this Education Plan provide a structured approach to educating members and key stakeholders about TFA integrity policies and SIA's independent complaints process.

TFA is responsible for ensuring that education is delivered to identified cohorts to support their understanding of, and compliance with, their obligations under the following policies.

- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy
- Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling Policy
- Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy





Compliance

Under the ASC Recognition Criteria – National Sporting Organisations (NSO), TFA is accountable for establishing, maintaining and enforcing the key policies and connected education plan that underpin integrity in their sport and apply to all levels.

When assessing education implementation for the purpose of demonstrating adherence to these requirements, the following criteria will be used.

- **TFA communicates efficiently with SIA** in the development and implementation of this plan.
- **TFA makes this Plan publicly available**, as evidence through website links.
- **TFA actively promotes education to relevant members**, as evidence through emails, newsletters, social media activity, and event packs and other communication channels.
- **TFA prioritises the monitoring of, and adherence to, the required education** outlined in this plan.

Responsibilities



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Sport Integrity Australia will provide:

- **Access to a range of free online integrity education materials.**
- **A suite of promotional resources**, including social media tiles, posters, videos, and other digital assets.
- **Government-funded or user-pay face-to-face or webinar education sessions.**
- **Assistance with eLearning completion reporting.**



Touch Football Australia will be responsible for:

- **Mandating completion of the education requirements**
- **Promoting the recommended education interventions** including providing supporting resources to State Sporting Organisations (SSO's) and Clubs and incorporating integrity education in communication materials.
- **Coordinating face-to-face education sessions with Sport Integrity Australia**, where appropriate, including ensuring suitable facilities and operational support are available.



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Target Groups

TFA has identified the following cohorts as priority groups for education, based on assessed integrity risk and competition level:

- Referees
- National Teams and Support Staff

TFA has identified the following groups as priority groups for **annual face-to-face integrity education**.

- National Representatives
- TFA Sport Integrity Network

The tables that follow outline the **required and recommended education requirements** for all members of TFA, across all levels of competition.

To address integrity-related risks and better manage education workloads, TFA may substitute eLearning modules with alternative education formats, including face-to-face sessions or webinars, as appropriate.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS



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Touch Football Australia Staff

	Staff / Administrators	HP and Integrity Staff	CEO/Executives	Board Members
National Integrity Framework	Required	Required	Required	Required
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Required	Required	Required
Annual Update	Recommended	Required	Required	Required
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Recommended
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required	Required	Required	Required



Athelite Australian Emus – Open

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team Doctor	Players
Role Specific	-	Required Coaches Course	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	-
National Integrity Framework	Required	Recommended	Required	Required	Required
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Annual Update	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Illicit Drugs in Sport	Required	Recommended	-	-	Recommended
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Required	Required	Required	-	Required
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required	Required	Required	Required	Recommended



Athelite Australian Emus – Youth

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dietitians)	Team Doctor	Players	Parents/Carers/Guardians
Role Specific	-	Required Safe and Effective Coaching of Young Athletes in High Performance Sport	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	Required Rights, Respect and Safety for Young Athletes <i>To be released mid to late 2026</i>	Recommended Parent's Guide to Clean Sport (parents of U18 athletes)
National Integrity Framework	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	-
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required (16+)	-
Clean Sport 101	-	-	-	-	Required (U16)	-
Annual Update	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required (16+)	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	Required	Recommended	-	-	Recommended (16+)	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Required	Required	Required	-	Required	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required	Required	Required	Required	-	Recommended (Parents of U18 players)



Athelite Australian Emus – Masters

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team Doctor	Players
Role Specific	-	Required Coaches Course	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	-
National Integrity Framework	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Annual Update	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Illicit Drugs in Sport	Required	Recommended	-	-	Recommended
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Required	Required	Required	-	Required



State of Origin

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team Doctor	Referees	Players	Event Staff/Volunteers/ Contractors
Role Specific	-	Required Coaches Course	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	-	-	-
National Integrity Framework	-	Recommended	-	-	-	-	-
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Required	-	Required	-
Annual Update	-	Required	-	-	-	Required	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	-	Recommended	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Required	Required	Recommended	Recommended	Required	Required	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required (when participating with U18)	Required (when participating with U18)	Required (when participating with U18)	Required (when participating with U18)	Required	-	Required (when in direct contact with U18)



NRL Touch Premiership

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team Doctor	Players	Event Staff/Volunteers/ Contractors
Role Specific	-	Required Coaches Course	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	-	-
National Integrity Framework	-	Recommended	-	-	-	-
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Required	Required	-
Annual Update	-	Required	-	-	Required	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Required	Required	Recommended	Recommended	Required	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required (when participating with U18)	Required (when participating with U18)	Required (when participating with U18)	Required (when participating with U18)	-	Required (when in direct contact with U18)



National Championships – Open and Masters

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team/Event Doctor	Players	Event Staff/Contractor/ Volunteers/Photographers/Videographers
Role Specific	-	Recommended Coaches Course	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	-	-
National Integrity Framework	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	-	-
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Annual Update	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	-	-	-	-	Recommended	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Recommended (Required if U18 athletes)	Recommended (Required if U18 athletes)	Recommended (Required if U18 athletes)	Recommended (Required if U18 athletes)	Recommended (Required if U18 athletes)	Required (when in direct contact with U18)



National Championships – Youth & U20's

	HP Manager	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Team/Event Doctor	Players	Parents/Carers/Guardians	Event Staff/Contractor/ Volunteers/Photographers /Videographers
Role Specific	-	Recommended Coaches Course Recommended Safe and Effective Coaching of Young Athletes in High Performance Sport (when coaching U18 athletes)	-	Required Medical Practitioners Course	Recommended Rights, Respect and Safety for Young Athletes* (16+) <i>To be released mid to late 2026</i>	Recommended Parent's Guide to Clean Sport (of U18 athletes)	-
National Integrity Framework	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	-	-	Recommended
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Clean Sport 101	-	-	-	-	Recommended (U16)	-	-
Annual Update	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	-	-	-	-	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required	Required	Required	Required	-	Recommended (of U18 athletes)	Required
Ethical Decision Making	-	-	-	-	Recommended (14+)	-	-



State, Club and Community

	Staff / Administrators	State Board Members	Coaches Including S&C	Support Personnel (team manager, physio, dieticians)	Event/Team/Club Doctor	Players	Parents/Carers/ Guardians	Volunteers and Contractors
Role Specific	-	-	Recommended Coaches Course	-	Recommended Medical Practitioners Course	Recommended Rights, Respect and Safety for Young Athletes <i>To be released mid to late 2026</i>	Recommended Parents' Guide to Clean Sport	-
National Integrity Framework	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended		Recommended
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Clean Sport 101	-	-	-	-	-	Recommended (U16)	-	
Annual Update	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Illicit Drugs in Sport	-	-	-	-	-	Recommended (16+)	-	
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	-	-	Recommended	-	-	Recommended (16+)	-	-
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Required	Required	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	-	Recommended (of U18 players)	Recommended
Ethical Decision Making	-	-	-	-	-	Recommended (U18)	-	-



Referees

	Under 18 (regardless of accreditation level)	Affiliate	Representative	State	National	State and National Referee Coaches
National Integrity Framework	-	Recommended	Recommended	Required	Required	Required
Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting	Recommended (Parents/carers/guardians of referees at National events)	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Required	Required
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	Recommended (Parents/carers/guardians of referees at National events)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Play it Right: Respect and Safety in Sport (Play by the Rules)	Required	-	-	-	-	-



eLearning Course Guide

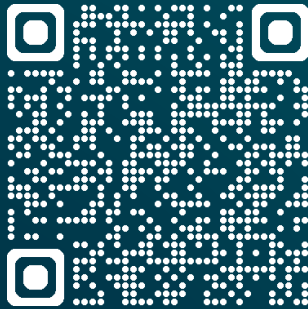
Course	Description	Intended Audience
SIA Courses	Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Comprehensive anti-doping education covering the rules and regulations related to anti-doping, the process involved in testing, the ethical and health implications of doping, and the responsibilities of athletes and support personnel to uphold anti-doping standards.
	Clean Sport 101	An introduction to Anti-Doping rules written in plain English. Designed for pathway athletes early in their careers, unlikely to be tested, and community/grassroots levels.
	Annual Update	Released in December each year, this course reflects current trends in anti-doping and broader integrity issues including new prohibited substances, rule changes and other contemporary topics.
	Safe and Effective Coaching of Young Athletes in High Performance Sport	This course is designed for coaches who work with athletes under the age of 18, helping you to implement safe, engaging and effective practices.
	Coaches Course	Coach-specific anti-doping education covering rules and regulations, ethical responsibilities, and the importance of supporting athletes to foster a clean sport environment.
	Medical Practitioners	Specific anti-doping education for sport and exercise physicians and other medical practitioners working with or consulting to athletes and sports in Australia. This course covers the nuances of medical practice in sport and supporting athletes to uphold anti-doping rules.
	Ethical Decision Making	A series of challenging scenarios based in real-life predicaments faced by sportspeople at all levels. This course provides a framework to guide the application of personal values and principles to the ethical dilemmas of the sporting world.
	National Integrity Framework	Comprehensive education about the development of the National Integrity Framework, including background information about Sport Integrity Australia and an overview of how each National Integrity Framework Policy can be applied in practice.
	Safeguarding Children and Young People Sport Induction	An introduction to protecting children and young people within sporting environments, including Children and Young People Safe Practices, and how to recognise and respond to possible breaches of the safeguarding policy.
	Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling	An introduction to what competition manipulation is, different types of competition manipulation, and sport specific rules to assist with identifying breaches, recognising match-fixer strategies, and knowing how to report concerns.
	Illicit Drugs in Sport	With a focus on recreational illicit drug use, this course covers the effects of drug use on both health and sport performance, the importance of understanding the In-Competition period, developing a response plan to drug offers, and locating wellbeing and support services. .
	Parents' Guide to Clean Sport	Specific anti-doping education for parents of young athletes, covering the anti-doping rules, doping risks, healthy sport culture, and the risks of supplement use.
	Rights, Respect and Safety for Young Athletes <i>To be released mid to late 2026</i>	An athlete specific course to help young athletes recognise and build safety in sport for themselves and other.
	Play it Right: Respect and Safety in Sport (Play by the Rules course) <i>To be released September 2026</i>	This course aims to explain why safe and respectful environments keep people engaged in sport and identify unsafe and disrespectful behaviours. It will help people understand the impact these behaviours have on people, how to respond to unsafe and disrespectful behaviours confidently and with practical strategies and how to role model safety and respect every day.



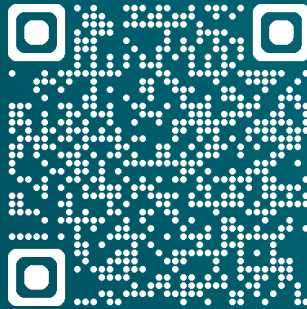
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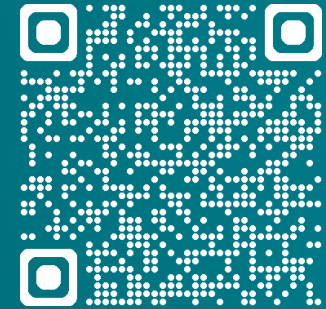
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