

# Harassment-free sport

All sporting organisations endeavour to offer sport that is safe, enjoyable and provides appropriate role models to the community.

The following course is part of the Harassment-free Sport Strategy (an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission), which assists organisations and agencies in the sports industry to deal effectively with issues surrounding harassment, discrimination, abuse and child protection in sport.

## Member Protection Information Officer Course

**Tuesday 20 October, Wednesday 28 October and Thursday 5  
November 2009**

The MPIO is the first point of call in a club, state or national sporting organisation for any queries, complaints or concerns around harassment, discrimination and child abuse in sport.

The MPIO provides confidential information, moral support and options to help resolve the issue (MPIOs do not investigate or resolve conflicts).

The revised **MPIO Course** (formerly known as Harassment Contact Officer Course or Member Protection Officer Course) will cover discrimination, harassment and abuse in sport; sport and anti-discrimination law; understanding child abuse and child protection; the MPIO role; complaint resolution procedures; listening and responding effectively; meeting with a contact; and ethical and practical considerations. Participants will also learn practical skills that will assist them in taking on the role of MPIO.

Course participants need to be nominated by or have the support of their sporting organisation and have knowledge of their sport's Member Protection Policy (MPP) or other similar/relevant policies. People who take on the role of MPIO need to be:

- Trustworthy, honest and discreet
- Approachable and easily accessible
- Calm and logical
- Empathic and a good listener

**Sport and Recreation Tasmania is offering this workshop at no cost to participants; however, numbers are limited so book early to avoid missing out.**



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Sports Commission**



## Workshop Details

Places in the course are limited. Please complete and send the registration information presented below by 9 October 2009 to:

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Or mail to:

Sport and Recreation Tasmania  
GPO Box 646  
Hobart 7001

**Date:** 20, 28 October and 5 November 2009

**Time:** 6.00 – 9.00 pm

**Fee:** Free

**Venue:** Sport and Recreation House  
1 Selfs Point, Cornelian Bay

**Arrangements:** Parking available at the venue  
Light dinner, tea and coffee provided

**Prerequisite:** Play by the Rules anti-harassment and child protection modules  
[www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)

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### Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/role: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your organisation aware you are undertaking this course? Yes  No

Have you read your organisation's relevant policies (e.g. MPP)? Yes  No

Have you completed the Play by the Rules online modules? Yes  No