

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

Monday 5, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October 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.



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Workshop Details

Places in the course are limited. Please complete and send the registration information presented below by 25 September 2009 to:

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Or mail to:

Sport and Recreation Tasmania
GPO Box 646
Hobart 7001

Date: 5, 13 and 14 October 2009

Time: 6.00 – 9.00 pm

Fee: Free

Venue: Launceston Silverdome
Oakden Road, Prospect

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

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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