

Good Governance Principles for Sporting Organisations

Ten Principles that Promote Good Governance

Good governance can offer a number of important benefits to sporting organisations, including:

- better organisational strategies and plans;
- improved operational effectiveness;
- more prudent regulatory compliance, financial and risk management;
- improved member and stakeholder engagement and communication flow;
- increased likelihood and degree to which an organisation achieves its objectives;
- improved alignment of behavioural outcomes.

While they may not be exhaustive, the following ten principles provide a useful starting point for sporting organisations to promote good governance practice having regard to their organisation's particular circumstances.

Ten Principles

1. Clarity of objects, purpose and strategy.
2. Build and manage organisational capacity and capability to deliver outcomes.
3. Lay solid foundations to assure governance and management of the organisation.
4. Structure, populate and manage the board to add value.
5. Promote ethical and responsible decision making and behaviour.
6. Respect the rights of members and engage and communicate effectively with stakeholders.
7. Meet regulatory compliance and reporting requirements.
8. Safeguard the organisation's financial standing and integrity.
9. Recognise and manage risk.
10. Whole of sport behavioural alignment.