

FACT SHEET 3 – UNDERSTANDING THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS SYSTEM

The Australian sports and recreation system is a combination of a number of organisations including not-for-profit, volunteer, commercial and government agencies. These agencies operate at the national, state and local level with varying strengths in their relationships to one another. The sector relies overwhelmingly on volunteer effort although the employment opportunities are gradually increasing.

The Sport and Recreation system can be represented in the following table.

	Sporting Organisations	Recreation Providers	Government	Umbrella organisations
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Federations eg FIFA, FINA, FIBA 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonwealth Heads of Government Sport Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Olympic Committee International Paralympic Council Commonwealth Games Federation ICHPER IAPESGW (International Assoc for P.E and Sport for Girls and Women)
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Sporting Organisations eg Football Federation Australia, Swimming Australia, Basketball Australia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YMCA Fitness Australia Parks and Leisure Australia Konnect Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Sports Commission (including Australian Institute of Sport) Department of Health and Ageing (Sport Section) Australian Sports Anti Doping Agency Office for the Status of Women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Olympic Committee Australian Commonwealth Games Association Australian Paralympic Committee Confederation of Australian Sport Australian Womensport and Recreation Association Sports Medicine Australia ACHPER Australian University Games Association School Sport Australia
State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Sporting Organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State YMCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Departments of Sport and Recreation State Institutes of Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State chapters of national agencies State sport federations State Women's Sport Associations
Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Associations Sport Clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport and Leisure Centres Gyms Commercial Providers Not-for profit providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Councils Regional Departments of Sport and Recreation Regional Academies of Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

The types of roles in the sport and recreation system including leadership roles are as follows;

Type of Role	Volunteer	Employment
Governance/Management	Presidents Secretary, Treasurer Board members Committee and sub-committee members	CEO, General Manger, Executive Director Operational Managers Accountants Competition Managers Facility Managers Events/Tournament Managers
Development	Development Committees/Co-ordinator	Development Officers
Coaching/Teaching	Coach Coach co-ordinator/manager Fitness Instructor Instructor/teacher	Coach Assistant Coach Coach Development Officers
Officials	Umpire/referee Umpire/referee co-ordinator Judge Time Keeper	Umpire/referee Co-ordinator Officials Development Officer Team Manager
PR/Marketing	Media Liaison Officer	Marketing Officers
Other	Team Managers	University Lecturer Sport Scientists Physiotherapists Sports Medicine, Nutritionists, Massage Therapist Statistician, Video Operator/analyst