

SPORT AND RECREATION MINISTERS' MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

Perth, 11 July 2012

At the outset Ministers wished our Olympians and Paralympians all the best at the London Games and recognised the role of organisations and stakeholders across the country in the preparation of the teams for the Games.

At the Meeting of Sport and Recreation Ministers in Perth, the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers committed to an agenda of national consistency in a number of areas of current critical importance to the sport and active recreation sector.

Australia's Sport Ministers today agreed to examine the affordability of sport including the extent to which the cost of participation is an impediment and established a working group to investigate this issue and report back to Ministers by the end of 2012.

The [National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework](#) identifies the benefit to the community of regular participation in sport and recreation and Minister's agreed that barriers to increasing participation such as costs are a national issue.

Ministers received an update on the progress made in each Jurisdiction applying the endorsed set of best practice principles on water safety through improved domestic pool safety including fencing and poolside water safety skills, swimming and water safety education as part of our children's education. Ministers agreed that the Commonwealth will work with Jurisdictions and peak water safety groups to develop possible additional water safety principles for consideration by Ministers.

Ministers noted the significant growth in combat sports. A more consistent national approach to regulating these sports will be explored with a view to improving integrity and safety. Ministers tasked the Committee of Australian Sport and Recreation Officials to prepare a report in consultation with the various sports by the end of November 2012 on areas where there are benefits of a nationally consistent approach.

Ministers noted the 2015 Asian Cup will be held 4-26 January 2015 with 32 matches played during the tournament. Matches will be staged in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria and the Cricket World Cup which will be co-hosted with NZ will be held in February and March 2015 with every jurisdiction expected to play a role. Ministers were also provided with a presentation by the CEOs of both Local Organising Committees which highlighted the potential that both events offer to advance football and cricket and provide lasting legacies for the country well beyond the direct benefits to each sport.

Ministers discussed the issue of alcohol sponsorship in sport and the Commonwealth agreed to provide a report on the Community Sponsorship Fund established as part of the National Binge Drinking Strategy. Ministers noted that \$25 million has been allocated under the Fund to serve as an alternative to alcohol sponsorship for community sporting and cultural organisations.

Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the [National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport](#) (National Policy), in particular to work within their respective jurisdictions to achieve national consistency in the implementation of sports betting approval processes and criminalising specific match fixing behaviours, with the co-operation of their respective Justice Ministers. Ministers are looking forward to continuing engagement with sports and the betting industry.

Ministers received an update on the progress in implementing the [National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport](#) (National Policy) and Ministers noted that legislative amendments giving effect to the National Policy were progressing, that sports are engaged and very supportive and that resources are being developed to assist sports meet their commitments under the National Policy. Further Ministers noted the planned collaboration with the betting industry on integrity agreements and standards.