

RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

People involved in all levels of sporting organisations deal intuitively with risks every day. The risks may be safety issues related to your grounds or equipment, personnel issues, funding requirements, retaining and increasing membership or sustaining and improving sporting success.

Risk management helps us to identify which risks are really important, what we do and how we allocate resources to reduce these risks to an acceptable level.

The Australian/New Zealand Standard for Risk Management sets out a practical and consistent approach to risk management. This involves adopting a systematic approach to how you view the environment in which you operate, identifying issues that sporting organisations face and developing strategies to address significant risks and taking advantages of opportunities.

Whilst insurance has received major attention in recent times, it is just one way of treating risk.

The ASC advocates the integration of risk management processes and systems into a sporting organisation's management practices. Our work in this area includes:

- Governance & Management Improvement Program support for risk management initiatives of National Sporting Organisations (NSOs);
- Conduct of a national series of 'Risk management for Directors and Board Members of National Sporting Organisations' workshops in May-June 2002;
- Development of case studies outlining risk management approaches undertaken by NSOs.

A number of state and territory departments of sport and recreation are also proactive in this area.

Risk Management for Directors and Board Members of National Sporting Organisations Workshops

During May and June 2002, the ASC, in association with Standards Australia, conducted risk management workshops based on the Australian/New Zealand Standard for Risk Management in each capital city.

The workshops aimed to provide new and experienced board members of National and Sporting Organisations with an awareness of risk management, the role of the board and board members in the risk analysis process and useful information and tools on developing a risk management policy.

Over 500 representatives from 78 organisations attended the workshops.

This workbook and case study were developed for use in the Directors of Sport- Risk Management Workshops conducted in May and June 2002. The workshops were conducted by Standards Australia in conjunction with the ASC to provide new and experienced board members of National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) with an awareness of risk management, the role of the board and board members in the risk analysis process and useful information and tools on developing a risk management policy.

The aim of the Risk Management for Directors and Board Members of National Sporting Organisations' Work Book is to provide you, as leaders in your sport, with a rigorous and disciplined approach to managing risks.

The Work Book will:

- Explain the roles and responsibilities of directors and board members as regards risk management;
- Examine the risk management process;
- Outline a way in which national sporting organisations undertake "whole of sport" risk management; and
- Identify various risk management tools that will support board directors and members