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Sports CONNECT

Connecting Sport and People with Disabilities

Can you answer YES to any of the following questions?

- Do you want to increase membership?
- Do you want more volunteers in your sport?
- Do you need fresh ideas for new, innovative programs?
- Is game development/ participation part of your strategic plan?
- Are you looking for funding opportunities?
- Do you work at a sport/ recreational facility that wants to be more inclusive?
- Do you need training and education on how to include people with disabilities?
- Do you need help developing strategies to include people with disabilities?

If you answered YES to any of these questions then Sports CONNECT may interest you!

Sports CONNECT involves a range of initiatives to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in sport. One of these initiatives involves assisting national sports organisations to develop disability action plans. The strategies within these plans are starting to have a significant impact at state and territory level. As Sports CONNECT filters from state to club level, Sports CONNECT recognises it is important to provide new levels of support that address issues of inclusion.

The Australian Sports Commission, through the WA Sports CONNECT State Coordinator, is committed to working with state sporting organisations to investigate ways you can develop partnerships with the disability sector to encourage people with disabilities to play your sport. Sports CONNECT can assist you to evaluate your readiness and develop strategies, and understanding, on how to include people with a disability in your sport.



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What benefits can Sports CONNECT bring to your sport?

- **Increased membership** – assist with identifying target groups within the disability sector.
- Access to examples of program delivery from across Australia to assist with the development of **innovative programs** within your sport for people with disabilities.
- **Assist with the development** of charters. This will enable you to develop strategies to include people with disabilities in your sport.
- **Free training** (Sports CONNECT Education) – this training will give your organisation the skills to include people with disabilities.
- **Network forums** including sporting organisations (supply) and disability organisations (demand) – speak first-hand with disability organisations, creating an opportunity to develop partnerships and get people into your programs.
- **Advice, guidance and support** to help you develop partnerships with disability organisations (demand) and recruit new members to your sport.
- **Links to potential volunteers** – possible assistance with administration, program implementation and officiating.
- **Access to funding opportunities.**

Sports CONNECT is a national framework that works to build pathways for people with disabilities to get involved in sport, by creating and developing relationships between sports and disability organisations.

The development of sustainable, inclusive sport programs for people with disabilities is dependent on sport organisations, sport organisations for the disabled and disability organisations developing links and partnerships to provide the best possible service delivery and sport opportunities for people with disabilities.

The ultimate aim: People with disabilities being able to access sport as members of the community in which they live.

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Through Sport CONNECT, the following sports are interested in including people with disabilities:

Athletics, Baseball, Football League, Shooting, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Volleyball, Basketball, Bowls, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Netball, Rowing, Softball, Surfing, Surf Life Saving, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Yachting.

