

COMPPS' RESPONSE TO MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON DOPING INVESTIGATIONS

1. Introduction

During the last week, each of the COMPPS' member sports has been working closely with the Australian Crime Commission, Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority, and the Commonwealth Government's Office for Sport on these issues.

These are serious matters that require immediate action and the development of a longer term plan.

The integrity of sport as a whole, and our specific codes, is paramount.

We have commenced taking action and will work closely with the government on a longer term plan.

2. Dealing with the information provided by the ACC:

COMPPS' member sports are committed to an aggressive sport-wide response to the issues identified by the ACC, including:

- Committing to co-operate fully with ASADA and law enforcement agencies in a joint investigation of the issues at hand including a commitment to devote resources to the investigation program.
- Agreeing to call on their athletes and support personnel to come forward with any relevant information and co-operate. They know that for doping cases, significant reductions exist in the WADA code for providing substantial assistance.

3. Responding to Hardening Sport Environment

COMPPS' member sports have also agreed to make some long-term substantive changes to their integrity programs.

- They will toughen their anti-doping policies:
 - The use of substances not accredited for human use has no place in sport;
 - Sports believe that their should be positive obligation for athletes, coaches and other support personnel to advise integrity officers of any approach on doping, betting or other areas of concern. Staying silent is no longer an option.



- There will be a zero tolerance approach to any person peddling or advocating the use of inappropriate substances.
- All COMPPS' member sports will have an integrity unit which will:
 - participate in a coordinated network of integrity units across sports and relevant agencies (ASADA, National Integrity of Sports Unit);
 - share information on emerging doping trends and other integrity issues;
 - share information on officials or support personnel working in the sector;
 - collaborate with enforcement agencies, the betting industry and State regulators;
 - if an offender is detected by one sport, this information will be shared and sanctions will be recognised by the other codes.
- All COMPPS' member sports will introduce appropriate illicit drugs policies and practices following advice from the ACC that illicit drug use is higher than previously contemplated.
- COMPPS' member sports will also work with government agencies to seek to protect their sport from organised crime they will work with the ACC to identify risks and put in place measures to deal with them.
- Above all, COMPPS' member sports agree to be partners in this new serious effort to protect our sports from criminal infiltration – and preserve the integrity of our sporting landscape.

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