

Introducing the Tackling Illegal Drugs Program



Australian Government



The **PURPOSE** of the Tackling Illegal Drugs Program is to build the capacity of community sporting clubs and better prepare them to address illegal drug-related issues in order to prevent drug harms.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Support community sports clubs to develop and implement illegal drugs policies.
- Build the confidence of club leaders and members to prevent and manage illegal drug-related issues in a supportive, structured and consistent manner.
- Build networks where ideas and experiences can be shared, and ongoing support can be obtained.
- Promote other ongoing opportunities to build healthier club environments through participation in other aspects of the Good Sports accreditation program.

WHAT IS TID

The Tackling Illegal Drugs Program (TID), funded by the Australian Government, is an extension of the core Good Sports program and will be developed by the ADF across Australia between 2016 and 2020. Over four years, the ADF will facilitate 75 forums, with 80% of these being located in regional and rural Australia. In addition, partnerships with five indigenous communities will be established to develop culturally relevant programs for them.

Building on the success of the Victorian Tackle the Issue program, TID is designed to build community capacity and confidence to address issues and harms relating to illegal drugs at a local level. Through attending face to face sessions, as well as being supported by digital delivery, Clubs are guided towards developing and implementing an Illegal Drugs Policy.

WHY THIS PROGRAM?

The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation is to prevent the harms of alcohol and drug use in communities. Expanding our product line for Good Sports to include Illegal Drugs is a natural progression for the already successful program.

Sports clubs are an ideal setting to promote positive behaviours. They are often at the centre of community life and can help to foster relationships and provide positive role models. Being involved in a sports club is a proven protective factor. In general, having a purpose in life, positive relationships and living in a supportive community helps to lessen the risk of alcohol and other drug problems. It is our role at Good Sports to empower our clubs to create healthy environments for their members.

TID enables clubs to be prepared and stay connected to their members, real issues, and other clubs in their area.

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Any club that is part of the Good Sports program is eligible to participate in the Tackling Illegal Drugs Program.

If a club is not yet registered to the Good Sports program, they must complete registration to be eligible for TID.

WHERE ARE WE GOING FIRST?

Here are the target Leagues and Associations for the FY 2016/17. These were selected based on a list of criteria including the percentage of Good Sports clubs, location and accessibility given project timelines.

1. AFL Vic South East (VIC)
2. Southern Football League (SA)
3. AFL Riverina & Farrer Police Local Cmd (NSW)
4. Kookaburra Southern Cricket Association (TAS)
5. Ovens & Murray Football League (VIC)
6. Colac & District Football League (VIC)
7. Western Border Football League (WA)
8. South West Football League (WA)
9. John T Reid Charitable Trusts Foundation (WA)
10. Ipswich Rugby League & Hockey Association (QLD)

KEY DATES

- Government announcement made on December 23
- PDE will begin contacting Leagues and Associations from January 9
- Tech build will be completed by March 1
- First Forum will be rolled out on March 16