



positionstatement

Governance

The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) considers quality governance as vital to the future development of sport and recreation organisations. Good governance is a sound investment in quality sport and recreation service provision for the benefit of the Western Australian community.

Background

The State Government, through DSR, provides significant financial resources to a large number of sporting and recreational organisations to assist them in achieving their service delivery outcomes for the benefit of the community. In return the Government has a range of governance performance measures that recipient organisations are expected to meet.

The State Government, through DSR, supports the following underlying principles of governance in organisations, regardless of level (local club, regional and/or state association):

- Clarity in governance roles;
- Effective decision making processes;
- Democratic processes;
- Commitment to continual improvement; and
- Transparency and accountability.

Definitions

Good governance encompasses four key areas:

- Formulation of strategic goals and direction by an organisation;
- Monitoring of the performance of the organisation to ensure it achieves its strategic goals;
- Establishment of 'rules' for the organisation's operations; and
- Assembling and applying capacity at board/committee level to undertake the above.

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Resources

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