

Towards a Sport and Active Recreation Policy

Questions and Answers

Why do we need a Sport and Active Recreation Policy?

An Active Sport and Recreation Policy is being developed and implemented in 2009.

The policy will outline the actions the Northern Territory Government will take to encourage the vision of Territorians having a lifelong involvement in sport and active recreation.

The policy will provide a framework for future planning, identify priorities for the community and provide the basis for the Territory Government's strategic direction in sport and recreation. It will maximise government investment in sport and active recreation programs and facilities and align with other Territory Government priorities such as improving:

- physical health and wellbeing
- safer communities
- social cohesion and inclusion
- employment
- education

There will be four phases to the policy development:

- announcement
- consultation and engagement
- policy review and assessment
- completion and implementation

What is "Sport and Active Recreation?"

Sport

"A human activity capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion and/or physical skill, which, by its nature and organisation, is competitive and is generally accepted as being a sport." (Australian Sports Commission)

Active recreation

"Activities engaged in for the purpose of relaxation or enjoyment with the primary activity requiring physical exertion and primary focus is on human activity".

"Active recreations will provide pathways into sport".

Leisure

"The state of having time at one's disposal; time in which to spend as one pleases, sometimes in activities that are non competitive, informal and non threatening".

This policy will focus on physical activity as it relates to sport and active recreation.

Who is the sport and active recreation industry, and, who will be consulted during the policy development?

The sport and active recreation industry includes organisations and people who provide goods and services to support sport and active recreation activities as well as those actively involved in the delivery of sport and active recreation programs.

The industry includes:

- Northern Territory Government Agencies – Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport, Department of Health and Families: Department of Employment and Training; Department of Justice;
- Australian Government Agencies – Australian Sports Commission, Department of Health and Ageing, The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs;
- Northern Territory Shire Councils and Municipal Councils;
- National Sporting Organisations;
- Northern Territory Peak sport and active recreation organisations;
- Northern Territory sport and active recreation clubs, groups and service deliverers;
- Sport coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers;
- Schools and tertiary institutions; and
- Sport sponsors and the wider NT business community.

All stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to provide input into the development of the Sport and Active Recreation Policy.

Who is the community?

The community consists of:

- Adults
- Parents
- Children
- Families
- Indigenous people
- People with disabilities
- Youth
- Seniors

When and where will consultation take place?

The consultation process will run from April through 19 June 2009 and will include public as well as targeted information sessions and forums.

The information sessions and forums will be held in urban centres as well as regional areas throughout the Territory.

For specific information regarding a forum near you please visit the website www.sportandrecreation.nt.gov.au

Alternatively you can provide feedback to us online or make a written submission.

At the end of the consultation process we will create a draft of the Sport and Active Recreation Policy. We will make this document available for further comment.

How can I have my say?

Our Government extends an invitation to all Territorians to have input into the development of this inaugural policy. Opportunities to have your say are being provided through face to face forums and surveys via our dedicated web site and written submissions. The consultation stage is open to all community members and all sport and recreation stakeholders.

Industry stakeholders are encouraged to collect their member's feedback in developing their submissions although members are encouraged to submit their thoughts individually as well.

For more information visit:

www.sportandrecreation.nt.gov.au

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- attending consultation sessions
details are available at www.sportandrecreation.nt.gov.au
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