

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation aims to reduce harm from gambling in our community. We work to foster greater awareness and understanding of the risks associated with gambling. For people experiencing harm from gambling, including those affected by someone else's gambling, we provide help and support services.

ARE WE ELIGIBLE?

The Sporting Club Program is available to all local sporting clubs in Victoria, including both junior and senior clubs.

To be eligible for the program, your club must:

- compete in a recognised competition over your relevant sporting season
- be an incorporated association and commonly regarded as a community sporting club
- not receive sponsorship from a betting company or any other gambling provider.

HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

To find out more about the Sporting Club Program and to sign up, visit: lovethesame.vic.gov.au/sport

Once you complete the application form, a community educator will be in contact to discuss the program further.

Join many local and elite sporting clubs in creating a healthy and safe club environment.



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Sporting Club Program

LOVE THE GAME



Creating healthy and safe sporting clubs

Gambling is fast becoming a normal part of sport.

Our Sporting Club Program aims to counter the growing culture of gambling in sport, and to create safe and healthy sporting clubs across Victoria.

The program can help you raise awareness within your club community about gambling as an issue, and to protect young people from gambling harm.

The Sporting Club Program focuses on separating gambling from the game and preserving what's great about sport by:

- **shifting the focus back to the love of the game, not the odds**
- **minimising exposure to gambling activities and promotion**
- **increasing awareness of gambling as an issue in our community and how to avoid the risks**
- **supporting clubs to make practical changes to clubrooms and sporting grounds**
- **ensuring people know where to go for information and support if they need it.**

BENEFITS FOR YOUR CLUB

- **Clubs members receive FREE and interactive information sessions.**
- **Club members are equipped with knowledge about gambling and its risks.**
- **You receive face-to-face support as you implement the program.**
- **We promote your club as a safe and healthy sporting club on the foundation website.**
- **Your club gains a competitive edge for seeking grant funding.**

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Step 1:

Your club signs the responsible gambling charter and makes a commitment to separating gambling from your game. This means forgoing sponsorships from betting companies. It also means making some practical and easy changes to your clubrooms and grounds to ensure young people are not exposed to gambling promotion.

Step 2.

Your club nominates two 'charter champions' to lead the program implementation, and to act as 'go to' people within the club.

Step 3.

Your club receives a free gambling information session with the playing group (or with parents, if you are a junior club).

Step 4.

A local community educator continues to support you in implementing the program, including holding themed activities.

You can find more information about the program at: lovethegame.vic.gov.au/sport