

What the Fair Access Policy Roadmap means for peak bodies

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What is the Fair Access Policy?

The Fair Access Policy is an Australia-first policy that aims to give women and girls fairer access to publicly owned community sports infrastructure. Developed by the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation, in partnership with VicHealth and Sport and Recreation Victoria, the policy requires Victorian local government authorities to have in place a gender equitable access and use policy (or equivalent) to remain eligible for state government funding for community sports infrastructure from 1 July 2024. This means more welcoming, inclusive and diverse community sport sector, where women and girls are supported to reach their full potential.

And what is the Fair Access Policy Roadmap?

The Fair Access Policy Roadmap outlines the three-phase journey for local government authorities and sport and recreation organisations to deliver state-wide gender equitable access and use, through practical steps, case studies and links to resources.

My sport is welcoming of all genders, and we have a women and girls strategy in place. Is this policy really needed?

That's fantastic news! While providing welcoming, inclusive and safe environments is critical to participation in sport and active recreation, we know the approach is not yet universal. Unfortunately, research shows men and boys continue to be prioritised over women and girls when it comes to the scheduling of training and playing times, and access to and use of facilities. The Fair Access Policy Roadmap will ensure all genders have the opportunity to fully participate and receive equal encouragement, opportunity, access, support and reward.

What does my organisation need to do during the Education Phase (now – 2023) of the Roadmap?

- Download a copy of the Roadmap from www.changeourgame.vic.gov.au and share it across your organisation
- Raise awareness with leagues, associations and clubs
- Participate in education initiatives that are made available (or contact us if you believe you have missed some)
- Start thinking about how your sport can support women and girls through fairer scheduling
- Reach out to the Fair Access Policy team if you have any questions: fairaccess@sport.vic.gov.au

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