



What the Fair Access Policy Roadmap means for Committees of Management

What is the Fair Access Policy Roadmap?

The Fair Access Policy Roadmap is an Australia-first policy that aims to provide women and girls fairer access to 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 all Victorian local councils to have a gender equitable access and use policy (or equivalent) in place by 1 July 2024, to remain eligible for state government community sports infrastructure funding.

The Roadmap acts as an implementation guide for councils, land management groups, and sport and recreation organisations, to work together to progress gender equitable access and use of community sports infrastructure.

Does this mean Committees of Management are required to create a gender equitable access and use policy for community sport facilities on Crown land?

No, individual Committees of Management are not required to create their own policy, however it's recommended that Committees of Management adopt their council's policy, which is required for councils to remain eligible for community sports infrastructure funding from the Victorian Government.





What does a gender equitable access and use policy (or equivalent) look like?

Every council will develop and adopt a policy that is locally relevant and unique to their community's needs. All policies, however, will demonstrate how women and girls will receive a fairer go in community sport on council-owned and managed land. For example, a council may require cricket clubs seeking access to a cricket oval and pavilion to have a women or girls' team, and a minimum of 30% representation of women in non-playing (committee) roles.

I am a member of a Committee of Management – what can I do to support this work?

Contact the council where your facility resides and discuss how your committee can work with Crown land user groups to ensure compliance of the policy. Each council is in a different point in its Fair Access journey, but all are working toward improving the participation experiences for women and girls in community sport and active recreation.

I have more questions. Who can I speak to about the Fair Access Policy Roadmap?

You can contact the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation via email at fairaccess@sport.vic.gov.au, or visit the [Change Our Game website](#) for more information.