



Child Safeguarding
Initiative

BASKETBALL WA STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDING THROUGH THE ASSOCIATIONS EDUCATION SERIES

CONTEXT

Basketball WA partnered with SportWest (True Sport), Sport Integrity Australia, and the WA Government to deliver the Associations Education Series for metropolitan clubs.

The initiative aimed to strengthen safety, integrity, and wellbeing across the basketball community, equipping clubs with the tools and knowledge needed to create safe environments for children and young people.



KEY CHALLENGES

1. High Participation and Complex Club Environments

Basketball's large participation in WA leads to big junior groups, multiple teams/venues, and increased safeguarding risks.

2. Inconsistent Safeguarding Practices Across Associations

Clubs vary in their understanding of responsibilities, screening processes, and confidence in reporting.

3. Volunteer Capacity and Knowledge Gaps

Many volunteers lack training, are unsure how to respond, and need clear, practical guidance.



ACTIONS TAKEN



Multi-Agency Collaboration

Delivered through partnership with SportWest, Sport Integrity Australia, WA Government, and the Working With Children Screening Unit.



Targeted Education for Metro Associations

Designed for metropolitan associations and high-volume clubs.



Comprehensive Safeguarding Curriculum

Covered safeguarding practices, recruitment/screening, WWCC, reporting, and mental health.



Practical and Accessible Delivery

Interactive, application-focused sessions with clear implementation pathways for clubs.

OUTCOMES



Improved Safeguarding Capability

Clubs strengthened understanding of safeguarding practices, responsibilities, and risk reduction.



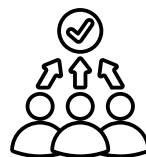
Stronger Recruitment & Screening

Greater clarity on Working with Children Checks, safe recruitment, and volunteer suitability.



Increased Reporting Confidence

Clubs improved in identifying concerns, following procedures, and responding to incidents.



Alignment with National Standards

Better alignment with the National Integrity Framework and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.



Reinforced True Sport Values

Emphasised safeguarding as key to safe, inclusive environments and sustainable sport.

KEY LEARNINGS



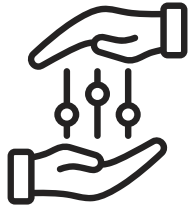
Holistic Education

Integrating safeguarding, mental health, and integrity helps embed a strong club culture beyond compliance.



Partnership Drives Scale

Collaboration across state, national, government, and sector partners ensures consistent messaging and reach.



Tailored Approach Matters

Basketball- and metro-specific content improves relevance, engagement, and uptake.



Practical Guidance Enables Action

Clear processes, simple explanations, and actionable steps support volunteer-led clubs.

KEY INSIGHT

This case study highlights how a targeted, partnership-led education model can rapidly lift safeguarding capability across a high-participation sport - embedding True Sport principles into everyday club operations, not just policy frameworks.

