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INFORMATION STATEMENT

Good Sport Program Evaluation – Member Survey

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Please keep this sheet for your information in the future

As a Registered or Accredited Good Sports Club, your sports club has been invited and agreed to take part in a research project to evaluate the Good Sports program. The research project includes a survey of Good Sports clubs and a survey of Good Sports club members. The project is funded by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) and is being conducted by Professor Luke Wolfenden and researchers at the University of Newcastle.

Why is the research being done?

This project will evaluate the Good Sports program and aims to assess:

1. The extent to which clubs provide their members with healthy environments (via a Club Survey).
2. Whether the Good Sports program has an impact on club member behaviours including alcohol use and road safety (via a Member Survey).

The University of Newcastle has been contracted by the ADF to conduct the research on behalf of the ADF.

Who can participate in the Member Survey?

Please note, the club you are a member of is distributing this invitation to its members on behalf of the research team from the University of Newcastle and the ADF and has not provided any information about you to the researchers.

Members of Good Sports clubs are being invited to participate in an online anonymous survey. To be eligible for participation, members must:

- Be a member of a Good Sports Club that has provided consent to participate in the member survey; and

- Be at least 18 years old.

What am I being asked to do?

Participating in the Good Sports Member Survey is optional. You will have six weeks to consider your participation in this survey. Club members that choose to participate in this survey will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey that takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. You will have received an email from your club that included this information statement and link to the online survey. You can assess the survey through the link provided in the email from your club. When you have finished the survey, simply close the internet browser. The survey will ask for information about alcohol use at your club, including your own, and the road safety practices promoted by your club. There is no need for you to complete every question if decide not to. The online survey is being administered via the REDCap platform (REDCap privacy and security statement can be found here <https://projectredcap.org/software/mobile-app/privacypolicy/>).

At the end of the survey, you will be provided an opportunity to enter a draw to win one of four prizes for yourself:

1. The Major Prize: \$200 Rebel Sports voucher (1 prize available), or
2. A Runner Up Prize: \$100 Rebel Sports voucher (3 prizes available).

If you choose to enter the prize draw you will be directed to a separate page at the end of the survey to enter your name and email address. This is not linked to your survey data. Your name and email address will be shared with the ADF who will draw and contact the winners.

What are the risks and benefits of participating in the Member Survey?

Findings from this evaluation of the Good Sports program will be used to improve the program, so it can continue to support sporting clubs to create a healthier sporting environment for members. There are no expected risks to you or your club through participating in the survey. However, if any of the survey questions (e.g. those related to your own alcohol use) cause you concern, you might like to seek support from either Lifeline (13 11 14) or the National Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline (1800 250 015).

Do I have to take part?

Completing this anonymous survey is voluntary and you can withdraw at any time by exiting the survey. As the survey is anonymous, we will not be able to remove your data if you do decide to withdraw from the survey. A reason for withdrawal is not required. Your decision to participate or to withdraw will not disadvantage you in any way or affect your relationship with any of the organisations involved in this evaluation, including the ADF and the Good Sports program.

How much time will it take?

The Good Sports member survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

How will your privacy be protected?

All survey responses will be treated as strictly confidential. If you choose to enter the prize draw at the end of the survey, your name and email address will be provided to the ADF, however no survey data will be linked to your contact details.

University of Newcastle researchers will monitor the number of completed surveys at each club and provide the ADF with this information. The ADF will share completion rates with clubs participating in the Good Sports member survey.

The research team from the University of Newcastle will manage the completed surveys for analysis. A final dataset of all anonymous member responses will be prepared and provided to the ADF at the completion of the evaluation.

Any information stored electronically will be in a confidential file on a password protected web server, with back-up discs stored in a lockable cabinet at the University of Newcastle. Data will be retained securely for a minimum period of 5 years from completion of the research and managed/stored in accordance with the University's Research Data and Materials Management Guideline (see <https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=72>) or any successor Guideline, and applicable University of Newcastle policy provisions (as amended from time to time).

How will the information collected be used?

Information collected from this survey will be used by the University of Newcastle research team and the ADF to measure how the Good Sports program supports clubs to provide their members with healthy environments, and in turn encourage members to engage in health behaviours. Results may be communicated via publication in scientific journals/reports, presentations at national/international conferences, reports to existing and potential funders, and shared with stakeholder meetings. In addition, results may be actively communicated to the community through media releases, the Good Sports website and resources, presentations and social media channels.

Individual clubs and members will not be identified in any reports arising from this evaluation. Only group results will be reported in publications, with no individual or club able to be identified.

As part of the survey you will have the option to nominate an email address where a summary report will be sent by the researchers at the conclusion of the project.

Providing consent

Please read and be clear on the information provided above. If you are happy to take part in the survey, please indicate yes at the start of the survey available via the link provided to you.

Ethics approvals

Approval to conduct this project has been received from the University of Newcastle's Human Research Ethics Committee.

Further Information

If you would like more information regarding this project, please contact Luke Wolfenden at the University of Newcastle on: 02 4924 6499

Thank you for considering this invitation

Yours sincerely,

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Complaints about this research

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2022-0355. Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research & Innovation Services, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone (02) 4921 6333, email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au.

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