

# Sports CONNECT

Connecting Sport and People with Disabilities

## What benefits can Sports CONNECT bring to your organisation?

- ➔ **Training** (Sports CONNECT Education) – this training will assist you to include people you work with in sport/recreation.
- ➔ **Advice, guidance and support** to develop partnerships with the sport and active recreation sector widening opportunities for people with disabilities to participate on a regular basis
- ➔ **Sports Ability Kit** – an inclusive games kit designed to encourage people with disabilities to interact with others, with and without a disability, in a sporting environment
- ➔ **Network forums** linking with organisations that are looking for participants for their existing sport and active recreation programs
- ➔ **Assistance and ideas** on how to develop simple ongoing programs to encourage people with disabilities to become physically active
- ➔ **Links to volunteer organisations** – potential assistance with administration and program implementation and delivery
- ➔ **Advice on alternative funding sources**



## Sports CONNECT in Queensland

Sports CONNECT is a national framework that aims to build pathways for people with disabilities to get involved in sport, by creating and developing relationships between sport and disability service organisations.



By promoting the benefits of being involved in sport and active recreation to service users and families, disability service organisations can help to create a demand for sporting opportunities amongst the people they work with. The Queensland Sports CONNECT Team is committed to working with your organisation investigating avenues for you to develop partnerships with sport and active recreation organisations. The outcome is the individual has more opportunity to participate in a sporting activity, develop networks and become a valued member of his/her local community club.

**The ultimate aim – people with disabilities being able to access sport as members of the community in which they live.**

Sports in Queensland that are currently involved – *AFL, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Cycling, Swimming, Table Tennis, Athletics, Shooting, Tenpin Bowling, Golf.*



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Can you answer YES to any of the following questions?

- Do you need fresh ideas for new innovative programs?
- Do your service users want increased confidence to expand their social networks?
- Do you recognise the value for people with a disability participating in sport and active recreation?
- Do you want increased health benefits for people with disabilities?
- Do you want to link with sport and active recreation groups that are looking to be more inclusive?
- Are you looking for advice on funding opportunities?



**If you answered YES then Sports CONNECT may interest you....**

Through the work of Sports CONNECT, an Australian Sports Commission initiative, more people with disabilities are recognising the many social, emotional and health benefits resulting from involvement in sport and active recreation. At the same time, sports organisations are increasingly becoming aware of the valued roles people with disabilities can play in their clubs, either as participants, administrators, volunteers, coaches, officials or fans.

Sports CONNECT involves a range of initiatives to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to be involved in the life of their local community through sport. As a result of Sports CONNECT many sport and active recreation organisations are understanding how to include people with disabilities, presenting an opening for innovative links with your organisation.



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