

# A8: INFO AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

## ACTION PLAN ITEM

Ensure the club provides committee members with access to information about the Here For The Game Community program, including the risks and harms of sports betting and other gambling.

## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

When club committee members understand and are informed about the Here For The Game Community Program and the risks of gambling, they're more likely to support and get involved with the program.

Most gambling harm is 'invisible', so you won't know who is experiencing it. Gambling can cause harm in people's lives and across the community. Risky gambling can damage people's finances, relationships, work, health and wellbeing. It can cause people to lose money and rack up debt, neglect their work and family responsibilities and feel stressed, anxious or depressed. For each person who gambles at high risk levels, six other people are affected – that can include family members and friends, teammates and fellow club members, and workmates and bosses.

People who bet on sport are more likely to gamble at risky levels. In South Australia, 32% of sports bettors gamble at risky levels compared to 27% of poker machine players, and 12% of gamblers generally.

When your club committee gets behind the Here For The Game Community Program, it shows members, guests, families and supporters that your club is willing to back up its commitment to program.

## STEPS TO TAKE

1. Provide club committee members with a copy of the Here For The Game Community Club Guide and a link to the **HERE FOR THE GAME WEBSITE** which has lots of information about the program.
2. Give a short presentation at a club committee meeting about the Here for the Game Community Program including why and how the club could become involved. Chat to your Here For The Game team member for resources.
3. Talk to your Here for the Game team member and ask them to provide an in-person or online session for club committee members on the program and the risks of gambling.
4. Provide committee members with a link to the **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE FOR PROBLEM GAMBLING UNDERSTANDING GAMBLING WEBPAGE** which includes information about gambling harm, why people gamble, and gambling facts and myths.