

SPORTS & PLAY

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION LIMITED



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THE SPORTS AND PLAY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Is the peak body for sports and recreation construction in Australasia. Our members are specialists in the design, construction, installation, maintenance, manufacture, supply and testing of sports and play spaces, both domestic and commercial.

SAPIA is a not-for-profit association, established by its members to promote the best construction standards and business practices for the benefit of both members and their customers, as well as to contribute to the safe sporting pleasure of participants who use facilities constructed or serviced by members of the Association.

SAPIA members include builders, sub-contractors, manufacturers, suppliers and professional consultants. They have expertise in building and surfacing all types of sports and recreation areas, including tennis courts, playgrounds, basketball and netball courts, bowling greens, hockey fields, squash courts, athletic tracks, equestrian arenas, soccer fields, cricket pitches, golf greens, baseball fields, rugby and AFL fields, skateboard parks and velodromes. Members manufacture and install sports flood lighting, fencing, all types of nets, net and goal posts, basketball towers, shade structures and shade sails, synthetic grass and acrylic surfacing materials as well as ancillary products. Consultants provide professional and technical services, including testing to Australian and international standards.

HISTORY

Initially known as the Tennis Court and Sports Field Builders Association of Australasia, we changed our name to the Sports Contractors Association in 2004 as our membership expanded to encompass not only builders but also sports equipment suppliers and professional consultants. In 2016, with the further broadening of our membership to include specialist playground contractors and suppliers, the association has been rebranded as the Sports and Play Industry Association.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- To raise standards of design, construction and workmanship in the sports and recreation industries in Australasia,
- To encourage and promote sound and ethical business practices among our members through education and mentoring, the sharing of information and knowledge, and adherence to a Code of Ethics,
- To promote the skills and expertise of our Association's members to end users and sporting bodies,
- To raise consumer confidence and goodwill by offering advice and a dispute resolution service,
- To provide a representative voice for the industry to the public and regulatory authorities.

Put simply, we want to make sure that the best tennis courts, sports fields and play spaces are designed, built, installed and maintained to a high standard by people who have been trained to do the job right and who offer appropriate warranties.

WHY USE A SAPIA MEMBER?

Membership of SAPIA is voluntary—so you may find a contractor working in the industry who is competent. However, SAPIA membership signifies that the contractor has demonstrated that they meet the Association's standards of workmanship and has the requisite expertise and experience to tender on customers' projects.

Members must comply with strict membership criteria and abide by the standards embodied in the Association's Code of Ethics and the Constitution. They are kept up to date with the latest advances in sporting surfaces, construction and installation techniques and equipment technology.

The Association offers a dispute resolution service, and members agree to abide by the decision of the Board should a dispute arise regarding their work.

Sport is always evolving due to advances in technology; manufacturers are utilising new materials to provide better sports and recreation surfaces and equipment. Our members are dedicated professionals and industry leaders who pioneer new techniques, with inspiration from sports innovation both domestic and from abroad. SAPIA's newsletters and technical publications, along with exhibitions and conferences, mean SAPIA members are at the forefront of sports and play construction in Australasia.