



Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Sport

The Role of Government in Sport and the Power of Sport Diplomacy

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 2026



CALL FOR PAPERS

Event Details

Friday, 20 February 2026 | 8.30am - 6.30pm
Bond University, Gold Coast

Now in its 16th year, we are delighted to announce the 2026 Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Sport examining the dimensions and dynamics of state and non-state actors engaged in sport governance and regulation and the power of sport diplomacy.

The Australian Government's 2023 Statements of Expectations for key agencies highlight a shared commitment to safe, fair, and inclusive sport. Key priorities include strengthening protections against abuse, discrimination, doping, and competition manipulation; promoting gender equity; and enhancing dispute resolution mechanisms. Government agencies are encouraged to collaborate across sectors, contribute to international integrity efforts, and provide strategic advice to government. Submissions are invited that critically engage with these priorities, explore policy and legal implications, and propose innovative approaches to integrity, governance, and athlete welfare in Australian sport.

As with all previous colloquia, our aim is to examine this topic from a multitude of perspectives, bringing together academic, industry and stakeholder perspective. Our goal is to understand and develop insights that transcend disciplinary boundaries and translate into effective and improved outcomes for sport and civic society.

Keynote Presenter | Dr Stuart Murray

Dr Stuart Murray is Associate Professor of International Relations and Diplomacy at Bond University, Australia. A globally respected scholar and speaker, he specialises in sports diplomacy, traditional and emerging forms of diplomacy, and international relations.

We invite abstracts from members of industry, academic, government and sports communities on a range of themes including reflections, innovations, initiatives and agenda setting for future research or focus. The focus is for interdisciplinary research to highlight the need to work together. Please send abstracts of approximately 250 words on themes including, but not limited to:

Sport Governance and Regulation
Policy making in sport
Role of Governments and Inter-Government Agencies

Capability and capacity building
Pacific relationships and sport
International sport event legacy

Please email abstracts to SportsColloquium@bond.edu.au by Monday, 22 December 2025. Abstract acceptance notification will be provided by 5 January 2026. Preliminary program will be released by 12 January 2026. Eligible papers will be invited for peer review and publication in the *Bond University Sports Law and Governance Journal*.

In recognition of the importance of interdisciplinary (and transdisciplinary) research and engagement, the Colloquium is made possible through the generous support of the Faculty of Law, Bond Business School, Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine, Faculty of Society & Design, Centre for Commercial Law and Governance, Centre for Professional Legal Education, Office of Research Services and Office of Learning and Teaching.

Colloquium Conveners

Dr Annette Greenhow, Bond University, Centre for Commercial Law & Faculty of Law
Dr Lisa Gowthorp, Bond University, Bond Business School