# Developments in Contemporary Sport Governance

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### **Today's Presentation**

Developments in Contemporary Sport Governance

1. Governance Responsibilities

2. Board Composition

3. Culture, Climate, and Behaviour

4. Accountability & Transparency

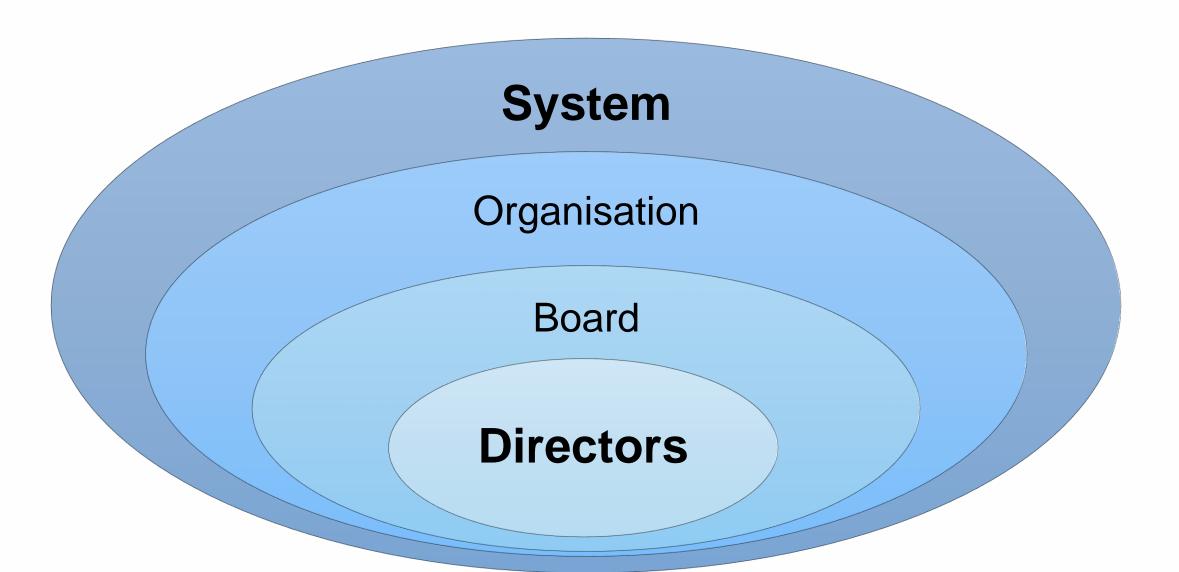
# 1. Governance Responsibilities

The roles of the director and the system











# **Director Responsibilities**



A real <u>responsibility!</u>

Legislation, common law, and industry guidelines

President to Chair



# **Systemic Governance**



 Organisations influenced by systems in which they sit

Sport is complex and interdependent

 Requires collaboration within the system

### 2. Board Composition

Assessment and Nomination Committees





### **Composition Assessment**

 Know the mix of demographics, education, experiences and skills

- Maps opportunities for:
  - Filling appointed positions
  - Director training
  - Outsourcing





#### **Nomination Committee**



A director identification tool

Wide variations in scope

Suitable for elected and appointed directors







Values, beliefs, and assumptions

Shared among the group

Deep seated and long lasting





#### **Climate**



'How things are done'

Actions reflecting the culture

Individual perceptions of group activity



#### **Behaviour**



Meeting director responsibilities

Aligned with culture and climate













- Accountability
  - Are we achieving what we are supposed to achieve?

- Transparency
  - Is it clear how we are governing?



#### **Evaluation**



Board evaluation

Individual evaluation

Methods





# Conclusion Governance is a process

- Recent trends include:
  - Expanded governance responsibilities
  - Tools for strengthening board composition
  - Focus on culture, climate, and behaviour
  - Evaluation as a tool for transparency and accountability



#### **Questions and Discussion**

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