

Professional Associations

Fitness

Health

Outdoor
Recreation

Rehab

Research

Sports

Sports
Management

Strength &
Conditioning















Sports Law

This is a list of professional associations that are most relevant for sport and recreation. These are associations that are useful for people interested in pursuing a career in a specific field.












Some associations offer student membership. All websites provide some information about their specific industry, and some have tools and resources that may be useful for research purposes.

<p>Allied Health Professions Australia</p>	<p>AHPA is the recognised national peak body representing and advocating for the role of allied health professions in Australia.</p> <p>Collectively, the 22 national organisations within AHPA represent almost 78,000 allied health professionals – with over 12,000 working in rural and remote regions of Australia.</p>			★	★	★				
<p>Aquatics and Recreation Victoria</p>	<p>ARV, aligned with Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (ASCTA) have a range of courses and priorities for the further development of learn-to-swim and industry safety in the sport of swimming.</p> <p>ARV and ASCTA are dedicated to developing world leading practises in the education, accreditation, professional development and on-going support for swimming coaches and swimming and water safety teachers.</p>						★	★		
<p>Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Association</p>	<p>Formed in 1990, ANZSLA now has a membership that includes lawyers, administrators, academics and government representatives; though membership is open to anyone with an interest in sport.</p>							★		★
<p>Australian Camps Association</p>	<p>The Australian Camps Association is committed to increasing the number of Australian's enjoying the outdoors and outdoor programs, like participating in the temporary community we call 'camp'.</p>			★						
<p>Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation Inc</p>	<p>ACHPER is the leading professional association representing teachers and other professionals working in the fields of health and physical education. It is member-based, not-for-profit organisation founded in 1955.</p>	★	★			★	★			










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Australian Health Promotion Association	AHPA, Australia's peak health promotion body, is the only professional association in Australia specifically for people interested or involved in the practice, research and study of health promotion.									
Australian Institute of Management	While not sport-specific, Australia's largest membership organisation for managers, AIM unites a network of almost 13,500 professional members all around the country and offers professional development and training opportunities as well as mentoring and networking meetings for members.									
Australian Leisure Facilities Association	ALFA is the peak representative body for the aquatics, recreation and leisure facilities industry in Australia. It is an alliance of Regional Bodies, which have been representing the industry for more than 75 years, and has been formed out of a strong industry need for a national organisation to represent its interests.									
Australian Outdoor Recreation and Education	AORE is an organisation developed by and for outdoor recreation and education professionals and students. Founded at the International Conference on Outdoor Recreation in 1993, AORE is a grass-roots organisation dedicated to advancing the field of outdoor recreation and education.									
Australian Strength & Conditioning Association	Professional/educational body for strength and conditioning in Australia									
Australian Track and Field Coaches Association	ATFCA was founded in 1974 as an association to which all interested in coaching track and field athletics could belong. It is recognised by all Athletics Bodies in Australia as responsible for the coordination and development of athletics coaching.									
Australian Womensport and Recreation Association	AWRA exists to provide leadership and a voice for women and girls in sport, physical activity and active recreation.									
Coaching accreditations	AIS coaching and officiating development									

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<u>Exercise and Sports Science Australia</u>	ESSA is the peak professional organisation and accrediting body of the Australian exercise and sports science industry.									
<u>Fitness Australia</u>	The national health and fitness industry association. Its mission is to raise standards, support, promote and represent the fitness industry.									
<u>Outdoor Council of Australia</u>	OCA is an incorporated, not-for-profit association of outdoor industry professionals in Australia. The OCA, in its role as an advocate, endeavours to represent organisations and individuals that use outdoor adventure activities for the purpose of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Education • Tourism • Personal development • Corporate development 									
<u>Outdoor Education Australia</u>	OEA was established in 2006 as a national network of outdoor education associations. Its member associations represent thousands of practising outdoor educators, teachers and organisations across Australia. The primary purpose is to facilitate communication between state and territory outdoor education associations about the practice and delivery of outdoor education throughout Australia.									
<u>Outdoor Recreation Industry Council</u>	Since 1984, ORIC has been helping members and the community of NSW to engage with the outdoors and experience the benefits of camps and adventure activities.									
<u>Outdoors Victoria</u>	OV is the peak body for all outdoor activities in Victoria. It exists to support the outdoors community, to advocate the benefits of outdoor activity to the broader community.									
<u>Parks and Leisure Australia</u>	Parks and Leisure Australia is the peak industry association for professionals working in the Parks and Leisure sector in Australia, representing over 2500 members.									

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<u>Public Health Association of Australia</u>	PHAA provides forums for the discussion of public health in Australia and a voice that advocates for better public health research, policies, programs and funding.									
<u>Sport and Recreation Victoria</u>	Peak and service organisations									
<u>Sport and Recreation Victoria</u>	State sporting associations									
<u>Sport Management Association of Australia and New Zealand</u>	SMAANZ was founded in November 1995. The principal aim is to encourage scholarly inquiry into sport management related research and to provide the opportunity to present results from this research. SMAANZ conducts an annual conference to facilitate the presentation of sport management related research. It has established a refereed journal, the Sport Management Review.									
<u>Sports Medicine Australia</u>	National multidisciplinary organisation committed to enhancing the health of all Australian's through safe participation in sport, recreation and physical activity.									
<u>Victorian Institute of Sport</u>	VIS was set up to assist the development of Victoria's best athletes. It was established in 1990 by the State Government as a private trustee company, with its Board of Directors appointed by the Victorian Minister for Sport.					