

**Vision Sports Ireland**  
**Annual Board Assurance Statement to Sport Ireland**  
**Governance Code for Sport**  
**(Type B Organisation)**

**Leading our organisation**

1. The Board of Vision Sports Ireland, confirms that it has agreed the organisation's vision, purpose, mission, values and objectives.

**Exercising Control Over our Organisation**

2. The Board of Vision Sports Ireland confirms that it has identified, and complies with, all its relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

3. The Board confirms that the requirements of sub-principle 2.2 of the Governance Code for Sport in relation to appropriate internal financial and management controls are being complied with.

The key control procedures which have been put in place by the Board, to provide effective internal financial control are as follows:

- a. The Board monitors income and expenditure against budget and cash-flow each quarter or more often

- b. Appropriate financial management procedures, systems and controls are in place and have been agreed by the Board.

- c. The Board has agreed spending limits for the Executive

4. The Board in conjunction with the Executive has developed a Risk Management Policy and a Risk Management plan for the year.

**Being transparent and accountable**

5. The Board has ensured that Vision Sports Ireland's annual activity report are widely available and easy to access on the organisation's website and elsewhere.

**Working Effectively**

6. The Board has ensured that all Board members and sub-committee members are familiar with the Governance Code for Sport and the organisation's governing documents.

7. The Board confirms that they have clarified the differences between the responsibilities of the Board and the Executive.

8. The Board confirms that it has reviewed in the last 12 months the way it works and identified potential improvements

**Behaving with Integrity**

9. The Board confirms that a code of conduct for board members has been put in place that outlines the expected standards of behaviour and which includes clear guidelines on the receipt of gifts and hospitality and Board confidentiality. Board members have signed a commitment to the Code of Conduct.
10. The Board confirms that it has developed a policy on 'conflicts of interest' and 'conflicts of loyalty' and the requirements of the Governance Code for Sport in relation to conflicts of interest and loyalty are being complied with.

**11. Assurance Statement – Exception Report**

Please provide details of any significant control issues that are likely to affect compliance with the Governance Code for Sport and/or delivery against policies, aims and objectives. If applicable, please also record reasons why the information provided in the Assurance Statement was not unanimously agreed by Board members.

**Governance Code for Sport**

The Board of Vision Sports Ireland confirms to Sport Ireland that the Governance Code for Sport has been adopted and is being complied with. Any areas not being complied with are listed and explained here.

The Board of Vision Sports Ireland understands that adoption of the Governance Code for Sport is a key action within the Government's National Sports Policy, and is a requirement under Sport Ireland's Terms and Conditions of Grant Investment.

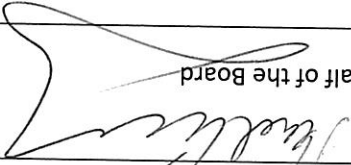
A core feature of the Governance Code for Sport is that it is principles based. The Board understands that adherence to the code is on a self-assessed basis by each organisation. Each year the Board must self-assess its practices against those recommended in this Code to ensure that it is still

compliant. The Board of Vision Sports Ireland understands that they must maintain a compliance record form on file that attests and evidences the compliance with the practices of the Code.

**Acknowledgement of Ownership**

The Board of Vision Sports Ireland acknowledges its collective responsibility for the effective management of the organisation, including managing and monitoring the financial and other resources, key risks, and compliance with the Governance Code for Sport.

The responses given above were agreed by the Board of Vision Sports Ireland at a Board meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. Any areas of contention are detailed at Section 11 (Exception Report) above.

Signed:	
Chair, on behalf of the Board	Date: 17th May 2023