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Transparency International New Zealand

Netball New Zealand a winner in sport governance

Transparency International's just released Global Corruption Report: Sport praises Netball New Zealand for its governance structure.

This report is an analysis of the root causes of corruption in sport and offers recommendations of what can be done to fix it. The report covers governance, match-fixing and big events, and the role of athletes.

Concurrently the anti-corruption group is also announcing the results of a poll showing how little fans trust FIFA, football's governing body with 69 per cent of fans indicating that they have no confidence in FIFA and 43 per cent saying the scandals are affecting how they enjoy football.

Ensuring corruption free sport starts at the very top of the organization, Netball New Zealand earned international recognition in the report for the outcome of its comprehensive governance modernisation undertaken in 1999. Noteworthy was the organisation's decision to build the foundation for good and effective decision-making by creating a skills-based, eight-person-strong board with no or few conflicts of interest and financial compensation to board members.

Transparency International New Zealand Chair Suzanne Snively says "The report is a reminder that eliminating corruption is vital to all forms of life from business to government and sport. And its reassuring to see we can lead the way internationally."

Sport NZ Chief Executive Peter Miskimmin says maintaining the integrity of sport is "particularly important for New Zealand because sport is such a big

part of our national identity. We have to continue to do our best to ensure nothing undermines that.”

He welcomes the report especially as his organization “works across the sport system and government to ensure we have appropriate measures in place to protect the integrity of sport including guidance, policies and education programmes in areas including good governance and match fixing. Its great to see to the work New Zealand is doing in these areas being recognized.”

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3. **Global Corruption Report: Sport**

Transparency International aims to mobilise wider audiences in the fight against corruption through connecting the sports community to the wider movement against corruption. This ‘Corruption in Sport Initiative’ includes partnerships with experts, supporters and sponsors through new research, analysis, dialogue and key recommendations.

[Transparency International media release.](#)

Global Corruption Report: Sport is available online at
http://www.transparency.org/news/feature/sport_integrity.

[Executive summary](#)

4. **Transparency International**

Transparency International is a global civil society coalition leading the fight against corruption. It compiles a number of measures of different aspects of corruption including the Corruption Perceptions Index, the Global Corruption Barometer, and the Bribe Payers Index. Information on Transparency International can be found at

www.transparency.org and detailed information on the Corruption Perceptions Index can be found at www.transparency.org/cpi.

5. **About Transparency International New Zealand**

Transparency International New Zealand (TINZ) is the local chapter of the global organisation - www.transparency.org.nz/. TINZ works to actively promote the highest levels of transparency, accountability, integrity and public participation in government and civil society in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Transparency International New Zealand provides a free [Anti-Corruption Training Tool](#) designed by leading experts in the field, and enables organisations to provide training for their personnel. This was developed in partnership with the Serious Fraud Office and BusinessNZ.

Transparency International New Zealand published the [Integrity Plus 2013 New Zealand National Integrity System Assessment](#) and is actively engaged in the implementation of its recommendations.