

3 November 2025

John Luke
FYI.org.nz platform

Dear Mr Luke

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request regarding Disciplinary Panel

We refer to your OIA request relating to the Sport Integrity Commission's Disciplinary Panel.

Receipt of your request

We are in receipt of correspondence from the Office of the Ombudsman noting that you had attempted to make a request to us on this topic on 9 August 2025 through FYI.org.nz. We are advised that you then purported to make follow up requests through the same channel on 17 August, 13 September and 2 October 2025.

We have checked with our IT service provider and while the email address for the Sport Integrity Commission (the Commission) used by FYI.org.nz appears on its face to be valid, no request (or message of any kind) was received by the Commission from this organisation either on 9 August or subsequently. That is why we have not responded until now. We have made inquiries with FYI.org.nz about whether the request and follow ups were in fact sent to us and are awaiting their response.

As your request was first drawn to our attention through the email of the Ombudsman on 29 October 2025, that is the date on which we are treating it as being received.

Substantive response

Notwithstanding the apparent communication difficulties, having now received your request through the Ombudsman, we have expedited our compilation process to provide you with the information as soon as possible and we set out our substantive response below.

You requested the following information:

"I noted you have a disciplinary panel, may I request to view your current panel member's name and their term of appointment. Also how many spot you intend to have on your panel.

<https://sportintegrity.nz/legislation/co...>

May I ask how you called for public nomination last round and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website. A copy of your most recent ad as well. Also, how many applications you have received for each of the role (in the most recent recruitment drive) from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role. Also, can I request to view the appointment letter if there is one sent to the previous appointee. I am happy for you to remove all the personal information.”

Detail of panel

We are in the processing of setting up the inaugural Disciplinary Panel which is established through the recently passed Integrity Sport and Recreation Act 2023. Accordingly, there have been no previous appointment prior to the current call for nominations. We are initially appointing 12 members to our Disciplinary Panel and the members have been appointed for a period of 5 years.

We are required to post publicly details of the panel members on our website and we are in the process of gathering information now in order to do this. We expect to do this in the next 1-2 weeks and you will see this list of members on our website when it is made public.

Appointment process

Nominations were sought through the following channels:

- Sport Integrity Commission website
- Jobs.govt.nz
- Seek.co.nz
- LawPoints (NZ Law Society publication)
- Commission social media channels being LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.
- Direct messages seeking nominations were also sent to contacts at a wide range of major sport and recreation organisations (including all National Sport and Recreation Organisations and New Zealand Olympic and Paralympic organisations) as well as other public sector organisations with connections to the Commission's work.

For each of the above channels, the reader was directed to our website which contained a summary of the position, a nomination form and a candidate information form. While this Commission website page is longer live, we **enclose** with this response the following:

- The website copy as published.
- The nomination form.
- The candidate information form.

Applications



We received 115 applications. Each of these applications were from individuals seeking appointment rather than from a nominating agency.

We **enclose** a copy of a letter confirming appointment with personal information redacted.

If you disagree with our response, you can make a complaint and have our decision reviewed by the Ombudsman:

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Yours sincerely



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