



SIGA INDEPENDENT RATING & VERIFICATION SYSTEM (SIRVS)

FAQs

What is SIRVS?

- The SIGA Independent Rating and Verification System (SIRVS) is an integral part of SIGA's ecosystem to usher sport and the wider sporting industry into a new era of enhanced governance, integrity, transparency and accountability. In summary, SIRVS is the game changer that the sports industry needs!
- The purpose of SIRVS is to assess and rate the sports organisation's level of implementation of and compliance with the SIGA Universal Standards.
- SIRVS is what the sponsors and those that invest in sport are demanding to give them the certainty that their investments are protected from the risk of reputational damage.

What is the SIRVS audit process for the pilot phase?

- Each pilot sports organisation will have a reasonable period to review the latest SIGA Universal Standards, appoint a representative to act as a liaison and have an opportunity to discuss with both BSI and SIGA prior to commencement.
- A mutually convenient date for both BSI and the pilot-organisation will then be set for the SIRVS audit to take place.
- The estimated duration for the audit for all three SIGA Universal Standards is nine days.
- Given the current global health crisis, the audit protocol has been adapted from delivery in person to a remote audit delivery.

How is the rating given?

- The SIGA Universal Standards define three levels of phased implementation: "Bronze", "Silver" and "Gold".
- These levels are additive and designed to build on each other.
- This means that the adoption of the Gold level is always inclusive of the Silver and Bronze levels; and the adoption of Silver is always inclusive of Bronze.
- Each SIRVS standard will have a robust audit plan to ensure streamlined delivery of the audit.
- BSI will assess each sport organisation against the highest-level Gold Standard and create a detailed audit report, inclusive of recommendations, that will be given to the sport organisation, who are given a period of time to implement the recommendations.



- At this stage, BSI will review the effectiveness of the implemented recommendations and will come to a conclusion about the rating level achieved – Bronze, Silver, or Gold. This process will be undertaken for each of the 3 standards – Good Governance, Financial Integrity, and Sports Betting Integrity
- BSI will recommend a rating to SIGA, who will then provide a conclusion about the rating level achieved by the sports organisations.
- The rating results for the pilot phase will only be published upon their prior authorisation of the pilot sports organisations .

Are sports organisations given a period to implement improvements before the rating?

- If the sports organisation is close to achieving a certain level (Bronze, Silver, Gold), then BSI will highlight the areas of non-conformity and provide the sports organisation the time to implement the recommended measures to then conform. BSI will then review these implemented measures for effectiveness and determine if the rating level is achieved.

Can sports organisations appeal?

- There is a standard appeal and complaints process that will be implemented in the SIRVS process to allow for sports organisations to appeal decisions on ratings.

Who do I contact for more information?

- If you are interested in being one of the pioneers to go through SIRVS, please email Katie Simmonds, General Counsel at SIGA: katie.simmonds@sigasport.com