

## IGSA Sport Football 2024 – Risk Assessment Hazard Checklist

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Football matches</b>	<b>Assessment Date</b>	<b>19/12/2023</b>
<b>Assessed By</b>	<b>Kate Howitt</b>		
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Year 7 – 12 football</b>

1 INDOOR HAZARDS		
1.1	Inappropriate lighting	
1.2	Temperature	
1.3	Insufficient or unsuitable space	
1.4	Untidiness – causing trip / fire hazard	
1.5	Stairs – dark / steep / no handrail	
1.6	Lack of fire escapes / extinguishers / procedures	
1.7	Slip / trip / fall hazards	
1.8	Inadequate ventilation	
1.9	Inhalation of dust	
1.10	Poor surfaces for activities – slips / trips / impact	
1.11	Electrical hazards	

5 HAZARDS ON HILLS AND MOUNTAINS		
5.1	Slips & trips on grass, mud, rock	
5.2	River crossings	
5.3	Remote locations	
5.4	Difficult communication – weather / distance	
5.5	Falling debris	
5.6	Extra work imposed by terrain type / angle	
5.7	Lack of shelter	
5.8	Separation of group members	
5.9	Getting lost	
5.10	Falls from height	
5.11	Extremes of weather	

2 SPORTING ACTIVITY HAZARDS		
2.1	Uneven playing surface	Y
2.2	Playing surface too hard or soft	Y
2.3	Hard or sharp objects on pitch	Y
2.4	Sliding on Astroturf or similar surface	Y
2.5	Collisions / Conflict with surrounding objects or people	Y
2.6	Impact from sports equipment - Ball or Clubs	Y
2.7	Contact sport injury	Y
2.8	Personal injury – fracture / sprains / cuts	Y

6 PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONAL HAZARDS		
6.1	Lack of information, training or instruction	Y
6.2	Poor activity planning or preparation	Y
6.3	Poor activity delivery or organisation	Y
6.4	Ignorance of rules and / or procedures	Y
6.5	Unsafe behaviour or attitude	Y
6.6	Lack of appropriate first aid equipment and experience	Y
6.7	Medical conditions of participants	Y
6.8	Poor safety control from group leaders	Y
6.9	Poor safety awareness from participants	Y
6.11	Lack of cooperation within group	Y
6.12	Differing skill levels within group	Y
6.13	Low level of physical fitness / strength	Y
6.14	Aggression between participants	Y
6.15	Aggression from crowd / public	Y
6.16	Contact between participants increasing risk	Y

3 HAZARDS ON COASTS & COASTAL WATERS		
3.1	Falls from cliffs, piers, sea walls	
3.2	Struck by falling objects from cliff	
3.3	Slips & falls on slopes / loose surfaces	
3.4	Quick sand & mud	
3.5	Access problems due to steep angle of beach slope	
3.6	Collisions between water users	
3.7	Swept away by wave surges	
3.8	Being washed against rocks / piers	
3.9	Low water temperatures	
3.10	Communication problems from waves / swell / distance	
3.11	Struck by objects in water	
3.12	Stranded by tides	
3.13	Swept away by currents	
3.14	Rip tides	
3.15	Longshore drift	
3.16	Conflicts between beach users	

7 EQUIPMENT AND OTHER HAZARDS		
7.1	Crash handling	
7.2	Transport to and from your activity	Y
7.3	Food poisoning	
7.4	Hazardous substances	
7.5	Equipment with moving / hot parts	
7.6	Heavy equipment	Y
7.7	Electrical hazards from equipment	
7.8	Noise from equipment	
7.9	Risk of trapping body / clothing in equipment	

<b>4 HAZARDS ON STILL / MOVING WATER</b>	
4.1	Getting swept away from equipment or people
4.2	Collision with rocks in and to sides of rivers
4.3	Striking / trapping by submerged obstacles
4.4	Being dragged down by undertow
4.5	Restricted or impossible access to / from water
4.6	Access problems – rescue / getting kit into water
4.7	Falls from drops in level at weirs / waterfalls
4.8	Getting out of depth
4.9	Low water temperature
4.10	Separation from other people
4.11	Slips / trips on steep banks or uneven surfaces
4.12	Difficult communications
4.13	Remote locations

7.10	Inadequate environment for equipment operation	
7.11	Inadequate protective equipment	Y
7.12	Equipment in unsuitable condition	
<b>8 OTHER HAZARDS SPECIFIC TO YOUR ACTIVITY</b>		
8.1	Sunsense & Dehydration	Y
8.2	Lightning	Y
8.3	Unattended children	Y
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8.5		
8.6		
8.7		
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# IGSA Sport Risk Assessment – Football

<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>IGSA</b>	<b>Number of persons involved</b>	<b>2500</b>
<b>Nature of Activity</b>	<b>Football Matches</b>	<b>Frequency of Activity</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Assessed By</b>	<b>Kate Howitt</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>19/12/2023</b>

Hazard Ref.	Potential Effect	Existing Controls in Place	HAZPAK	Further Controls Required?	Who By	When
2.1, 2.8	<b>Uneven playing surface</b> Personal injury – fracture / sprains / cuts	Football is played on an outdoor surface that is often undulating. Players will be checked to ensure they are wearing adequate footwear. All grounds are inspected by the venue convener before matches commence.	3		School staff, venue convener	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
2.2	<b>Playing surface too hard or soft</b>	A safety & venue audit will be conducted prior to the commencement of play. Councils and schools to water fields regularly. Players to wear protective items such as shin guards.	4		Schools, Local Councils	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
2.3	<b>Hard or Sharp Objects on the Pitch</b>	A safety & venue audit will be conducted prior to the commencement of play. Any sharp objects will be removed.	4		Venue convener	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
2.6	<b>Impact from sports equipment - Ball</b>	Players are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of the game and IGSSA Code of Conduct. If serious injury does occur then an ambulance must be called immediately by a suitable staff member, parent or the venue convener.	3	Injury reports completed to monitor occurrence.	School staff, venue convener	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
2.4, 2.7	<b>Injury</b>	First Aid Kit and ice available. Ambulance to be called for any serious injuries.	3		School staff, venue convener	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
4.8	<b>Clashing of players and tackles - Various</b>	Ensure games are conducted with capable people or certified referees.	3	Venue Convener to appoint coaches to referee game if no referee is available.		Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
5.11	<b>Extremes of weather</b>	Venue Conveners and staff will monitor playing conditions in relation to heat, storms and adverse playing weather. Matches may be postponed, suspended or cancelled as required	3		Venue Convener	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
5.5	<b>Falling debris</b>	There are a few trees at some venues. Matches will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions.	5		Venue convener	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays

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6.1- 6.4	<b>Lack of info, training, preparation, ignorance of rules or procedures</b>	Coaches and staff from individual schools to ensure that girls are adequately prepared to participate. All IGSSA Rules and Guidelines are distributed to all schools and posted on the IGSSA website for all participants to access prior to the competition.	5	Venue Conveners Manual provided to all Conveners includes rules, risk warnings, code of conduct, venue audits, adverse weather information.	School staff and coaches	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
6.3	<b>Poor activity delivery or organisation</b>	The convenor will ensure that all players are briefed regarding: the rules and safety procedures laid down by the venue's management including evacuation procedure	5		Venue convenor	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
6.4, 6.5, 6.6	<b>Ignorance of rules and / or procedures</b>	IGSSA Code of Conduct is clear as to expectations upon players. All schools are aware of this Code and there are copies on the IGSSA Website available to the public. The Venue Convener to intervene where necessary if behavioural problems occur during matches or at the venue. Referees to control the matches.	5		Individual schools	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
6.7	<b>Medical conditions of participants</b>	Individual schools and associations to ensure their players are medically fit.	5		Individual schools	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
6.14	<b>Aggression between participants</b>	Qualified referees to control the game	4			Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
6.15	<b>Aggression from crowd/public</b>	Coaches and spectators are bound by the IGSSA Code of Conduct. Venue Convener to deal with any spectator issues and report back to AHIGS Office.	3	Venue conveners to complete incident reports. To be followed up by IGSSA. Disciplinary action imposed by Schools.	School staff and venue convenor	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
7.2	<b>Transport to and from your activity</b>	Responsibility is with the student's school and or parents.	4		Schools	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
7.6	<b>Heavy equipment, eg. Goal posts</b>	All goalposts to be anchored and secured prior to games commencing. Nets should be fitted properly and secured.	3	Schools are allocated fields to 'dress' each week. This involves fitting the nets correctly and corner posts. The venue convenor is to report any unsafe goal posts at their venue.		Term 2 and 3, Saturdays

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7.11	<b>Inadequate protective equipment</b>	Players are advised to wear appropriate equipment as required by the state and national sporting associations and IGSSA R & G's.	5	Umpires will not allow players not wearing appropriate protective equipment to play.		Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
8.1	<b>Sun Sense</b>	All competitors reminded to Slip, Slop, Slap before commencing. All students are expected to bring their own water bottles.	5			Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
8.2	<b>Lightning</b>	Players to be advised that at the first sign of local thunder or lightning they are to abandon the match and find shelter immediately. Organisers to check the fields to ensure compliance.	5		Venue Convener Coach / manager	Term 2 and 3, Saturdays
8.3	<b>Unattended children</b>	Venue conveners and/or schools are to take responsibility for children without supervision.	3	Venue conveners informed of this in online seminar.	IGSA Venue Convener School Staff	Every term

HAZPAK ratings follow the WorkCover NSW guidelines to assist businesses to manage risks to health and safety

	<b>Very likely</b> Could happen any time	<b>Likely</b> Could happen sometime	<b>Unlikely</b> Could happen but very rarely	<b>Very unlikely</b> Could happen, but probably never will
Kill or cause permanent disability or ill health	1	1	2	3
Long term illness or serious injury	1	2	3	4
Medical attention or several days off school or work	2	3	4	5
First aid needed	3	4	5	6

# IGSA Football Risk Assessment 2024

Date: 19/12/2023

Level of Competition: Interschool, Saturday Graded Sport

Year level/s: 12-19yrs

Organisers to check the following:

<b>General</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Permission has been obtained from parents / guardians for all students participating	Y	
Adequate coaches and staff are attending providing appropriate levels of supervision for competitors and spectators	Y	
Parents have been notified of location of venue, transport arrangements and time involved	Y	
First Aid Kit Available	Y	
Water is available for students at the venue	Y	
Ice is available	Y	
Students have been advised of personal sun protection requirements	Y	
A Risk Assessment has been completed	Y	

## **Participants & Officials**

Risk Warning has been published where it is likely parents and players will read it	Y	
Students are well informed of safety & rules	Y	
Wet weather & extreme heat guidelines have been given to each player	Y	
Venue closure app and website address have been given to each player	Y	

## **Equipment / Grounds**

Only appropriate grounds are used	Y	
Equipment has been checked	Y	
Venue audit has been carried out by Venue Convener	Y	
Coach/manager has agreed that venue is safe for play	Y	

## **Environmental**

Weather conditions appropriate for the safe conduct of the event	Y	
Play cancelled if needed	Y	