

IGSA Sport Football Rep Trials 2025 – Risk Assessment Hazard Checklist

Event Name	IGSA Sport Football Trials	Assessment Date	20/12/2024
Assessed By	Kate Howitt	Approved By	
Location	Christie Park, North Ryde	Event Date	8/5/2025

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	

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 / posts	Y
2.7	Contact sport injury	Y
2.8	Personal injury – fracture / sprains / cuts	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	

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	Y
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	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	
6.9	Poor safety awareness from participants	
6.10	Lack of cooperation within group	
6.11	Differing skill levels within group	
6.12	Low level of physical fitness / strength	
6.13	Aggression between participants	Y
6.14	Aggression from crowd / public	Y
6.15	Contact between participants increasing risk	

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	
7.10	Inadequate environment for equipment operation	

4	HAZARDS ON STILL / MOVING WATER	
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	

7.11	Inadequate protective equipment	Y
7.12	Equipment in unsuitable condition	
8	OTHER HAZARDS SPECIFIC TO YOUR ACTIVITY	
8.1	Sunsense & Dehydration	Y
8.2	Lightning	Y
8.3	Unattended Students	Y
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Risk Assessment – IGSA Sport Football Trials 2025

Event Name	IGSA Sport Football Trials	Number of persons involved	50+
Nature of Activity	Football trials – skills and games	Frequency of Activity	Annually
Assessed By	Kate Howitt	Event Date	8/5/2025

Hazard Ref.	Potential Effect	Existing Controls in Place	Score Low / Medium / High Risk	Further Controls Required?	Who By
2.1, 2.8	Uneven playing surface 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. Synthetic surfaces should be flat and hole-free.	Low		IGSA Sport staff, council
2.2	Playing surface too hard or soft	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.	Low		IGSA Sport staff, council
2.3	Hard or Sharp Objects on the Pitch	A safety & venue audit will be conducted prior to the commencement of play. Any sharp objects will be removed.	Low / Medium		IGSA Sport staff, referees, football convener
2.5	Collisions/conflict with surrounding objects of people	Football is a contact sport and collisions may occur during trials. If any injuries occur, a first aid kit and ice is available. Referees will be employed to ensure collisions are not on purpose.	Low / Medium		IGSA Sport staff, referees, football convener
2.4, 2.7	Sliding on Astroturf, Injury	First Aid Kit and ice available. Ambulance to be called for any serious injuries.	Medium		IGSA Sport staff
2.6	Impact from sports equipment - Ball	Players are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of the game and IGSA Sport Code of Conduct. If serious injury does occur then an ambulance must be called immediately by a suitable staff member, parent or the selectors.	Low / Medium		IGSA Sport staff
2.8	Personal injury – fracture, sprains, cuts	Ensure games are conducted with certified referees to control the game to a high standard. Ensure only girls of an appropriate standard are selected to trial to minimise risk of unprepared players.	Low / Medium		IGSA Sport staff, officials
5.5	Falling debris	There may be overhanging trees at the venue. Trials will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions.	Low		IGSA Sport staff
5.11	Extremes of weather	IGSA Sport staff will monitor playing conditions in relation to heat, storms and adverse playing weather. Trials may be postponed, suspended or cancelled as required.	Medium		IGSA Sport staff
6.1- 6.2	Lack of information, training or	Coaches and staff from individual schools to ensure that girls are			

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	instruction, poor activity planning or preparation	adequately prepared to participate. All IGSA Sport rules and guidelines are distributed to all schools and posted on the IGSA Sport website for all participants to access prior to the competition.	Low		Schools
6.3	Poor activity delivery or organisation	IGSA Sport staff will ensure that all players are briefed regarding: the rules and safety procedures laid down by the venue's management including evacuation procedure.	Low		IGSA Sport staff
6.4, 6.5	Ignorance of rules and / or procedures	IGSA Sport Code of Conduct is clear as to expectations upon players. All schools are aware of this Code and there are copies on the IGSA Sport Website available to the public.	Low		IGSA Sport staff
6.6	Lack of appropriate first aid equipment and experience	The sport convener is to bring a first aid kit to the venue and persons present should have first aid qualifications.	Low		IGSA Sport staff and convener
6.7	Medical conditions of participants	Individual schools and associations to ensure their players are medically fit.	Low		Schools
6.13	Aggression between participants	Qualified referees to control the game, IGSA Sport staff and officials to be at hand to deal with situations that may arise.	Low		Referees, IGSA Sport staff, selectors
6.14	Aggression from crowd/public	Coaches and spectators are bound by the IGSA Sport Code of Conduct. IGSA Sport staff member to deal with any spectator issues.	Low		IGSA Sport staff
7.2	Transport to and from your activity	Responsibility is with the student's school and or parents.	Low		Schools
7.6	Heavy equipment, eg goal posts	All goalposts to be anchored and secured prior to games commencing. Nets should be fitted properly and secured.	Med		Council, IGSA Sport staff
7.11	Inadequate protective equipment	Players are advised to wear appropriate equipment as required by the state and national sporting associations and IGSA Sport rules and guidelines, eg shin pads and boots. Mouthguards are optional.	Low		Schools, students
8.1	Sun Sense & Dehydration	All competitors reminded to Slip, Slop, Slap before commencing. All students are expected to bring their own water bottles.	Low		IGSA Sport staff, girls
8.2	Lightning	Participants to be advised that at the first sign of local thunder or lightning they are to abandon play and return to the nearest shelter immediately.	Low / Medium		IGSA Sport staff
8.3	Unattended Students	IGSA Sport staff and schools to take responsibility for students who are left unattended at the trials	Low		IGSA Sport staff, schools

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Level of Competition: Representative Trials

Year level/s : 7-12, 12-19yrs

Organisers to check the following:

General

YES

N/A

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	
Wet weather & extreme heat guidelines has been given to each player	Y	
Wet weather sms bounceback number, 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 IGSA Sport staff member	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	