



RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Rationale

Risks are inherent in all aspects of Australian Rules Football and the Officer Junior Football Club (the Club) acknowledges the role of risk management as critical to the safe participation in the sport of players, officials and spectators. It also recognizes that risk is not necessarily harmful and that assessment of risk can lead to improved safety.

Aim

The aim of Officer Junior Football Club's risk management strategy is to consider how likely it is that a negative event will occur, what impact it may have on the Club and what decisions can be made to reduce risk of it occurring. It also aims to educate its members on safety in and around the club. The Club operates under the League guidelines.

Implementation

- Appoint a Risk Management Coordinator
- Publicize the Risk Management Policy among committee, officials, parents and players
- Ensure current and active implementation of the following
 - Codes of Conduct for parents and players
 - Antidiscrimination and Tolerance Policy
 - Smoking and Alcohol Policy
 - Insurance Policy
 - Accreditation of coaches, trainers and committee members
- Anyone can report a situation and assess it's risk
- Risk can be dealt with simply and expediently in a common sense manner at the point of need or may be referred to the Committee.

People:

Players

The club will provide

- Qualified coaches and trainers
- First Aid kits at training
- Stretcher at home games
- Identification of other trainers able to assist on game day
- Requirement of medical certificates for return to training for severe injuries
- Availability of mobile phone available at all grounds
- Team hygiene practices with regard to drink bottles
- Procedures to minimize the spread of infectious diseases (blood rule)
- Encouragement of Personal Protection Equipment (e.g.mouthguards)
- Hydration, particularly in warmer weather
- Sun smart warnings at training and games in warmer weather

Officials

The club will ensure

- Age appropriate and well working equipment in good repair
- Clean and tidy umpire rooms
- Competent umpire escorts
- Correct uniforms for officials
- Appropriate scoreboard and timekeeper facilities

Property and Facilities

The club will provide

- A safe playing surface
- Player change room facilities which are kept clean and tidy
- Clean and tidy public viewing areas
- Safe vehicular movement and parking areas
- Access for emergency services
- Clean and tidy public conveniences
- Canteen which conforms to Council regulations
- Officials who monitor change rooms whilst game is on.
- Encouragement of no valuables in rooms

Financial

- Money is counted by two people, countersigned and banked as soon as possible
- Monthly reports by Treasurer
- Key register

Legal and Statutory

- Constitution
- Operating Guidelines
- Current Insurances
- Current, active Policies
- Current Council permits
- Necessary volunteers with Working with Children Check
- Current player medical profiles via registration papers
- Current registration lists for insurance purposes

Image and Reputation

- Ensure members operate within club policy
- Induction for Coaches, Managers and Trainers
- Ensure all activities are done with the knowledge and sanction of the Committee

This policy was last reviewed and ratified by the Officer Junior Football Club Committee in..... June 2010