



## **Tea Tree Gully Risk Management Policy**

### **Introduction**

The Tea Tree Gully Netball Club (the club) provides an outdoor junior through to senior netball competition for children and adults. The club has a responsibility to providing a Risk Management Policy that must be put into place to protect the club and its members from the possibility of legal action being taken against them. This policy is designed to help individuals identify key risks to our netball club, whether it is involving club facilities, grounds, or a team / individual activity and to inform all members of their responsibilities. Managing risks enables our club to achieve their potential with the least interference from a risk eventuating.

### **Key Risk Management Policy Statements**

The game of netball is meant to provide many benefits to all those involved, however, below are some of the manners in which the club aims to alleviate the potential risks that the game may pose to those involved.

#### **Coaches**

- Good preparation is important
- All coaches are to keep record of any medical conditions or injuries that the players may have and manage these according to medical advice provided by the player's care provider
- Always warm up, stretch and cool down. Coaches are encouraged to utilise the Netball Australia's Knee program for injury prevention
- Good technique and practices will help to prevent injury
- Encouraged to keep up education to ensure that players are provided with the safest training and game environments
- Ensure appropriate footwear is worn for the netball event
- For underage players, coaches are to ensure that no player leaves training or games on their own. A parent or guardian must collect the player.

#### **Players**

- Wear appropriate footwear
- Ensure, where appropriate, all preventive taping and bracing supports are worn at training and games
- Seek appropriate medical attention for any injury or illness
- Provide coach with all information regarding injury or illness
- Adhere to rehabilitation schedule prior to returning to training and games
- Ensure adequate hydration and nutrition are adhered to in preparation of netball



- The club reserves the right to request medical clearance prior to a player returning to training and/or match play

### **Equipment & Courts:**

- Equipment is checked monthly by the club Equipment Officer and replaced accordingly
- Equipment is stored in either locked boxes or in an allocated room
- Coaches are informed to report and remove any faulty equipment to the club Equipment Officer or a Committee Member within a timely manner.
- Netball post covers applied to all training court posts prior to training commencing by the Coaches and removed at the end of the session.
- Coach or Committee member responsible for opening training courts to check court surface prior to any training scheduled to commence. If surface is damaged report immediately to the Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club (person available in their clubrooms) and President of the club for noting. If courts have retained a lot of water and removal of the water is unable to be actioned, a decision must be made if it is safe for club players to train. Advise coaches via the Coaches and Committee Facebook page and allow coaches to make a decision if their training should be cancelled.
- Courts used on match days are located at SADNA Courts, the club adheres to SADNA weather guidelines
- First Aid Kit and AED are stored within the Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club Rooms and outside storage. All new Committee Members and Coaches will receive training on how to use AED, and protocol to follow for health emergency. Refresher training offered on an ad hoc basis as required by the club President.

The club acknowledges a range of risks that comes with all aspects of arranged sport. It recognises all members of the club hold responsibility for ensuring that risk is as minimal as possible. We ask that any member of the club contact the appropriate personnel if they identify a risk that has the potential to cause harm for addition to the club Risk Management Action Plan. All risks added to the club's plan will be actioned accordingly. If a member of the club wants to request information regarding the reported risk, please contact the appropriate personnel.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide the club and coach with any information that is necessary to uphold the welfare of any player under 18. Players over the age of 18 must take responsibility for their own welfare and update the club and coach should this be required.



## **Related Documents**

The documents listed below demonstrate that the club has undertaken all steps possible to ensure the safety of our children, young people and all involved with our association. They are located on Tea Tree Gully Netball Club website, with all new coaches and umpires provided with electronic copies at the start of each season.

### **Parents and Players:**

- Child Protection Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Parent and Spectator Policy
- Player code of Conduct Policy
- Medical Condition Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Hot Weather Policy – refer to SADNA Policy on their Website

### **Coaches & Umpires:**

- Child Protection Policy
- Coaches Code of Conduct Policy
- Umpires Code of Conduct Policy
- Player Rotation Policy
- Hot Weather Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Medical Condition Policy
- SADNA Blood Rules – Refer to SADNA Policy
- Undertake DHS Police Check – every 5 years

### **Committee & Volunteers:**

- Child Protection Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Undertake DHS Police Check – every 5 years

## **Definition of a Risk**



A risk is defined by the Australia / New Zealand Standard for Risk Management (AS/NZS 4360:2004) as

**“.... The possibility of something happening that can impact on your objectives. It is the chance to either make a gain or a loss. It is measured in terms of likelihood and consequence.”**

### **Acceptable Risk?**

When playing any sport, you are voluntarily exposing yourself to a variety of risks for the sake of fun. YOU must decide whether the risks you choose are ACCEPTABLE risks to YOU / YOUR child.

Please do not question our legal and moral responsibilities OR our “insurance cover”. Our decision will always be a balance between the enthusiasm of players who generally want to play, and their health and safety which is paramount.

### **Authorisation**

Tea Tree Gully Netball Club, Committee Meeting. 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Agenda item 4.

### **Contact**

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This policy is to be reviewed by 11/06/2022