

Mandurah Basketball Association

First Aid Policy



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This policy applies to all members, committee, coaches, players, visitors, and volunteers of the Mandurah Basketball Association.

Our Commitment

The Association works to ensure the safety and wellbeing of each and every player and coach, at every playing and training venue. As Hirers of MARC we are subject to the conditions of that rental arrangement.

Player safety is our number one priority and will take precedence over all other priorities.

What we will do

The Association is committed to ensuring that suitably designated Association/ Club Volunteer First Aid Officers are present at each venue when playing or training occurs.

Coaches and team managers in charge of players are always expected to use their best endeavours, particularly in emergencies, to secure the welfare of players at the Association. They are expected to immediately notify the Games Controller of an Injury and to defer the care and handling of the injury to the Games Controller or the person that they designate as the First Aid provider. The Coach/Manager is to then remain with their other players providing reassurance.

Principles

- All coaches and team managers have a duty of care to their players and other children under age 16 in MBA.
- MBA will generate a list of First Aid Officers. MBA will verify and record the currency of their qualifications.
- Only individuals on that list should be delivering First Aid to a casualty at an MBA endorsed/organised event.
- Once 000 has been called. First Aiders are to follow the Instructions of the Advanced Medical Care.
- In every instance, first aid/emergency assistance is a means of supporting player health and safety, while awaiting the Games Controller or delegated MBA staff to arrive
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- It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that players do not play or train if they have known medical conditions for which the playing/training of basketball would potentially be of further detriment to the player's health. Coaches/team managers have the right to refuse to play or train a player who may fall into this category.

Definitions

First aid: the emergency treatment of illness and injury. It includes emergency treatment, maintenance of records, dressing of minor injuries, recognition and reporting of health hazards and participation in safety programs.

Accident/Injury Reporting Form: Official Association document that must be completed after an accident or injury occurs.

Player: a player registered with the Association or being trialled with a view to joining, or that has provided confirmation in writing that they intend to join the Association (eg. Completed BWA clearance).

Parents: includes guardians and legal guardians.

Coach or Manager: is the person or persons appointed to the role of, or accepted as Head Coach, Assistant Coach and/or Team Manager by the relevant MBA portfolio.

Resuscitation masks: one-way mouthpieces, suitable for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Venue: includes all locations booked and/or hired by the Association for MBA activities.

Coach and Team Managers Responsibilities

- Designated Association and Club officials will ensure that all coaches and team managers are made aware of basic first aid procedures.
- If a player becomes unwell at an Association venue, the Association/Club staff will arrange for the player to be cared for until a parent or suitable guardian is able to reach the venue and assume responsibility for care, or until transfer to hospital is available.
- In cases of illness or injury, coaches and team managers will try to:
 - Immediately seek out the MBA Games Controller to manage the Injury or treatment required
 - In response to an unconscious player, an ambulance should be called immediately
 - Please advise the Games Controller and MARC Reception.
 - Assist the MBA Games Controller or delegated First Aid personnel in moving other players and spectators away.
 - Follow reasonable directions from the MBA Games Controller or delegated First Aid personnel protect others from injury.

Parent Responsibilities

- It is essential that parents provide their Coach with details of any medical conditions which may impact on their child's ability to play or train and of any medications which might require coach awareness.
- It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that any medical condition information is kept up to date throughout the entire duration of their child's participation at the Association/Club. This will include any changes to a child's health which may affect ability to play or train, and any changes to personal details, such as contact telephone numbers or addresses.
- Parents must provide sufficient contact details to the Association/Club to enable the Association/Club to contact them or another appropriate person if it is necessary to collect an unwell player.

- If a player has an infectious disease, the player is to be excluded from playing or training. Parents must notify the Association/Club immediately once they become aware that their son or daughter has contracted an infectious disease.

Reporting of Incidents

Every incident which results in a player being referred to a medical practitioner or hospital or requiring First Aid assistance must have a completed Injury Report Form at the time of the incident or injury.

The attending, qualified First Aider must complete the required Injury report form.

The MBA Office staff will follow up with the parent/ player after each incident

For any Insurance Claims, the parent/player is to visit the BWA website to download the appropriate forms or contact the MBA Office for further information

Concussion and Head Injury Information

MBA will adhere to the the BWA Concussion Policy.