



Hills Raiders Basketball Association

Blood Guidelines

This document has been issued by Hills Raiders Basketball Association as a best practice guide at all levels of competition.

Referees, coaches, and team managers need to be aware and implement the following to ensure the safety of the Basketball court and reduce the risk of viral transmission.

A "Safety Kit" is available from the HRBA Office during competition games. The Kit should be used only for the purpose of dealing with spilt blood on the floor or benches.

Contents of Kit:

- 1 Packet of paper hand towels
- 1 Packet of disposable latex surgical gloves
- 1 Packet of medium size resealable plastic bags
- Disinfectant spray bottle labelled "Blood".

Persons Tending to Bleeding Players and Blood on Surfaces should;

- Take precautions so as not to come into contact with body fluids, particularly blood, or with soiled objects, even if the risk is low.
- Always wear disposable gloves before tending to the players or cleaning surfaces
- Spray disinfectant solution - using the bottle marked "Blood" directly onto the surface, then wipe the surface with paper towels.
- The gloves and paper towels must be placed into the rubbish bags provided in the Safety Kit. The rubbish is to be discarded in an outside rubbish bin.
- Any soiled linen, and uniforms, must be placed into plastic bags, to then be washed before the next use.
- Anyone involved with treating the person or clean up must thoroughly wash hands immediately after, even if gloves have been worn.

Referees/Officials

1. During the game the official shall order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, to leave the playing court and cause this player to be substituted.
2. Before the player is allowed back into the game the wound should be treated (no further bleeding) and the affected area completely and securely covered.
3. A bleeding player who has received treatment, and the affected area covered, may remain in the game at the expense of a team time-out.
4. If there is blood on the uniform the player should change the uniform immediately. (It will be necessary to carry a spare number uniform for this purpose.) Under no circumstances should a player with wet or dry bloodstains on their uniform be allowed on the court.

5. Blood on the ball - replace the ball.
6. Blood spilt on the floor or benches – game should be stopped so the area can be wiped thoroughly with the disinfectant solution and dried before play recommences.

Where Score-table officials observe substantial bleeding or blood on a playing uniform, and the referees have not become aware of the problem, the score-bench is to wait until the next dead ball period before advising the referees.