



# RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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1. Who is affected?
  - a) Associations/Affiliates
  - b) Clubs
  - c) Players
  - d) Team Managers
  - e) Coaches
  - f) Umpires
  - g) Spectators
  - h) Committees and/or Committee members

2. Negligence: Duty of Care

At law, you must take reasonable care to avoid acts or omissions, which you can reasonably foresee, would be likely to injure your neighbour. Your neighbour is the person or persons who are so closely or directly affected by your act that you ought to reasonably have them in contemplation as being affected by your acts or omissions. The care and caution that you must show your neighbour is that which a prudent person would display.

It is important to note you can be negligent without having the intention of being negligent. Recently, courts have held that competitors engaged in competition owe each other a duty of care.

All participants in Eight ball have a duty to:

- a) provide a safe place for eight ball
  - b) provide a safe system of rules
  - c) provide safe and adequate equipment
  - d) provide adequate instructions and supervision of matches.
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### 3. Players: Duty of Care

Players have a duty of care to:

3.1 Not cause foreseeable danger

3.2 Note the fact that if an opponent has some special condition, this does not necessarily diminish the duty of care owed

3.3 Dealing with minors needs extra care. Persons dealing with minors owe a duty to protect them from foreseeable dangers, whatever the source.

### 4. Coaches: Duty of Care

4.1 Drugs [legal and illegal]

4.2 Adequate self-education – Accreditation

4.3 Appropriate preparation and coaching techniques

### 5. Clubs: Duty of Care

5.1 Obtain necessary insurances

5.2 Conduct their own independent safety audits

5.3 Document all concerns to relevant bodies

5.4 Ensure coaches, players, spectators, team managers and tournament directors are aware of duties

5.5 Ensure all parties comply with rules and regulations set down by controlling body.

5.6 Ensure all parties have had adequate self-education – Accreditation

5.7 Clearly define licensed areas

### 6. Umpires: Duty of Care

The umpire's co-ordinator has a duty of care to ensure that all umpires under his control receive adequate training.

6.1 Conduct necessary training

6.2 Conduct accreditation courses

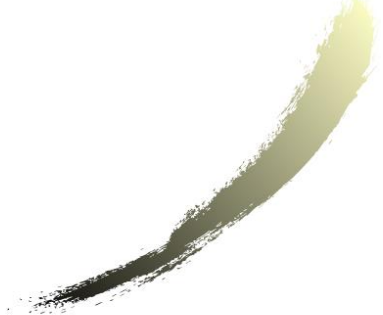
6.3 Document any concerns to the controlling body

6.4 Report any hazards or potential hazards to the controlling body

### 7. Board and Committee Member: Duty of Care

7.1 Committees have a duty to ensure that this Code of Practice is implemented.

7.2 Committees have a responsibility to ensure all umpires, competitors and spectators maintain a proper and reasonable level of care.



8. Miscellaneous – for due consideration

- 8.1 Ensure all damages are reported to the venue provider
- 8.2 Ensure lighting both inside and outside venues is adequate
- 8.3 Ensure the proper distribution of alcohol and be aware of responsible service

of alcohol procedures.

