

# Medical Attention Guidelines

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## 1. Statement of Context

- 1.1 GISSA oversees competition in a range of sports at a range of venues. Whilst most venues are at competing schools, some venues are off campus.
- 1.2 This document provides guidelines for schools, regarding the provision of medical attention for participants.

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## 2. Reference Points

- 2.1 Reference has been made to Extracts of Background paper from Sports Medicine Australia.

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## 3. Aim

- 3.1 In formulating these guidelines, GISSA aims to reflect their duty of care for participants in sporting competitions. The guidelines are designed to draw attention to the general risks only of injury within sporting competitions and set down guidance to be followed by schools and participants for provision of medical attention at sporting competitions.

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## 4. Guideline details for all venues

- 4.1 At each venue, Sports Coordinators are to make the following first aid provisions for each sporting competition.
- 4.2 The number and type of first aid locations at a venue should reflect the number and type of participants and activities.
- 4.3 The Coach / Manager must:
  - 4.3.1 carry or have ready access to a basic first aid kit.
  - 4.3.2 have ready access to a phone (mobile or landline).
  - 4.3.3 be informed of the qualified First Aid provided on site.
  - 4.3.4 be able to contact first aid assistance by telephone and should be in a position to call for ambulance assistance.
  - 4.3.5 have the mobile contact number of the Sport Coordinator (or representative) of the host school and own school (Sports Coordinator or representative would be expected to be able to access family contact numbers of students).
  - 4.3.6 be aware of the nearest medical facilities.

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**5. Communication**

- 5.1 These guidelines and the implications of the guidelines will be communicated by GISSA to the Principals of Member Schools, who will advise the Sports Coordinators of competing schools prior to the commencement of each year of competition.

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**6. Implications for Practice**

- 6.1 It would be preferable that Coaches and Managers attain a basic first aid course (i.e. level 1).
- 6.2 Position descriptions for Sports Coordinators within competing schools should reflect the responsibilities indicated in these guidelines including the communication to coaches and team managers.
- 6.3 The guidelines have implications for the means of communicating between team coaches/managers and sports staff.

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**7. Disclaimer**

*These guidelines do not create any binding obligations on GISSA. GISSA has no control over the implementation of these guidelines and cannot be held liable where schools or individuals fail to follow any aspect of these guidelines, during participation in school sport, personal sport, or club sport.*