

# AGSV/APS Medical Attention Guidelines

## Statement of Context

- AGSV and APS Sport oversee competition in a range of sports at a range of venues. Whilst most venues are at competing schools, some venues are off campus.
- As part of their governance responsibilities, the AGSV and APS Heads have identified the need to provide guidelines for schools, regarding the provision of medical attention for participants.

## Reference Points

Reference has been made to Extracts of Background paper from Sports Medicine Australia and legal advice obtained in other areas has some bearing on the guidelines listed below especially within 'Duty of Care'.

## Aim

In formulating these guidelines, AGSV and APS Sport aim 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.

## Guideline details for all venues

At each venue, Delegates/Sports Coordinators are to make the following first aid provisions for each sporting competition.

The number and type of first aid locations at a venue should reflect the number and type of participants and activities.

The Coach / Manager must:

- carry or have ready access to a basic first aid kit.
- have ready access to a phone (mobile or landline).
- be informed of the qualified First Aid provided on site.
- be able to contact first aid assistance by telephone and should be in a position to call for ambulance assistance.
- have the mobile contact number of the Delegate/Sport Coordinator (or representative) of the host school and own school (The Delegate/Sports Coordinator or representative would be expected to be able to access family contact numbers of students).
- be aware of the nearest medical facilities.

## **Communication**

- These guidelines and the implications of the guidelines will be communicated by the Chair of the Heads of the AGSV and APS schools to the Executive Officers, who will advise the Delegates / Sports Coordinators of competing schools prior to the commencement of each season of competition.

## **Implications for Practice**

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