

PLAYER INJURY MANAGEMENT POLICY

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General

- For the safety of an injured player, the referee may stop the game
- With the referee's permission, the player may leave the water for a three-minute injury time-out. The game is suspended during this time
- If an injured player wishes to submit an injury claim to the WPA insurer, the insurer will require a written report of the incident, and may require any medical reports pertaining to the injury.

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC)

- At MSAC, pool life-guards are the primary first responders for any medical emergency and injured player
- Referees are **not primarily responsible** for treating the injured player
- Referees are to note the incident details on the game sheet including Player WPV ID (number)
- Details to include a summary of the incident and the nature of the injuries on the game sheet
- MSAC staff will complete an incident report which WPV can access if required

Melbourne High School Pool

WPV is aware that Melbourne High does not have the same support mechanisms in place, especially during after-school activity.

- There is an automated external defibrillator (AED) and a first aid kit onsite
- Referees and pool controllers are the **primary response** for treating the injured player
- Referees are to note the incident details on the game sheet including Player WPV ID (number)
- Details to include a summary of the incident and the nature of the injuries on the game sheet
- Pool controllers and referees should make themselves familiar with the AED and the contents of the first aid kit
- If you have any concerns regarding AED use, please contact Steve Mulligan on 0418 331 984

When in doubt with any injured or medically unwell person, it is advisable to seek ambulance assistance via the 000-phone number.