



INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

Basketball Victoria, its affiliated associations (including the Whittlesea City Basketball Association and Mill Park Rebelz Basketball Club) must not exclude or seek to deter a person from participating in basketball only on the basis that the person is known to be infected with an infectious disease unless, acting on medical advice, the person is regarded as being a real risk to other persons participating.

A person who is infected with a serious disease that is known to be infectious through normal sporting contact must exclude him/herself from participating in basketball.

Although diseases such as HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B are not regarded by medical opinion as posing any real risk of infection through normal sporting contact, they are passed on by the mixing of body fluids. Accordingly, all persons participating in basketball must take certain precautions to ensure any risk is minimised including:

- Strictly adhere to all playing rules and these by-laws relating to bleeding during the course of a game.
- In rendering first aid to any injured player take adequate precautions against infection such as the wearing of protective gloves and other protective equipment available and proper cleansing of equipment and persons.
- All blood and other body fluids must be properly and promptly cleaned from people, equipment, clothing and other areas of venues.
- All participants should have their own equipment such as towels and water bottles, and not share such equipment with other participants.
- Participants are not to spit on the floors, in towels or in other places where contact could be made by other participants.
- Participants should take precautions such as having vaccinations where available and follow any medical advice they receive.
- Basketball Victoria and affiliated associations must educate their participants about the risk of infection while participating in basketball.
- Any blood, saliva or other body fluid on or around the court should be cleaned using proper hygiene methods and equipment by adults.

If a player sustains a bleeding wound during a game, the wound shall immediately be cleaned and if it continues to bleed, the player should be substituted immediately.

A bleeding player who has been substituted shall not re-enter the game until the wound has been treated by covering, suturing or other suitable treatment so that no further bleeding occurs.

If there is significant blood on a player's uniform, the player shall change uniform before re-entering the game and no penalty will apply if the substitute does not match the normal team uniform.

Where there is blood on the ball, the ball shall be changed and properly cleaned before use in any other game.

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