



FIRST AID OFFICERS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION SCHEME

ON-FIELD PERSONNEL POLICY

1. All personnel over the age of fourteen (14) years who enter the field of play, including water runners, managers, coaches and referees, must possess a Leaguesafe Certificate of Attendance or an accredited ARL First Aid Officers Certificate.
2. No person other than an accredited ARL First Aid Officer, or those with appropriate and acceptable qualifications, shall administer first aid or offer advice to an injured/ill player. **Personnel with other qualifications must be ratified by the National FAO Co-ordinator and equate with ARL FAO Certification.**
3. All injuries/illnesses and assessment must be recorded in the **Injury Report Booklet**.
4. **The accredited First Aid Officer shall at all times, whilst a game is in progress, be situated on the sideline in a position to respond quickly should an injury/illness occur.**
5. The accredited First Aid Officer shall have the final say on whether a player should continue in the game and when to resume playing. In the event of a serious injury, as defined by the First Aid Officer, a doctor's certificate must be obtained by the player and handed to the First Aid Officer. If a doctor is in attendance at a game venue, he/she shall make decisions in conjunction with the First Aid Officer. The doctor will make the final decision on a player's welfare.
6. A First Aid Officer should be attached to a team. It is advisable that at least two (2) be available in case one is required to attend a player or not be available on game day.
7. It will be the responsibility of the Club and/or Ground Officials to ensure the above policy is adhered to.
8. If the above personnel are not in attendance, the game shall not commence **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES** until such persons are available.
9. Each player shall complete a **Medical Advice Card** before training or playing. This will be the responsibility of the designated First Aid Officer/s to ensure all cards are up to date. All privacy laws must be adhered to.

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Note to all clubs – at its April 2005 meeting, the ARL Board resolved to approve the implementation of the above policy.