



# Blood Borne Pathogen Policy

## Commitment to safety

Calgary Minor Soccer Association is committed to ensuring the safety of all individuals participating in CMSA affiliated organizations. This Bloodborne Pathogen Policy outlines the procedures which must be followed in circumstances where a player acquires a bloody wound while engaging in games, practices or other CMSA affiliated events. This policy is Adopted from the *ASA H.I.V. Policy*.

## Scope

The procedures outlined in this Bloodborne Pathogen Policy are to be followed by players on CMSA affiliated teams. In certain circumstances where a player obtains a bloody wound during a CMSA affiliated event, a team official, coach, volunteer or other adult representative of CMSA must ensure that these procedures are followed.

## Dealing with a Bloody Wound

- a. If bleeding occurs where other participants may be exposed to blood, the individual's participation must be interrupted until the bleeding has been stopped. The wound must be cleansed with antiseptic and securely covered.
- b. All clothing soiled with blood should be replaced prior to the athlete resuming training or competition. Clothing soiled with blood and other body fluids must be washed in hot, soapy water.
- c. If an athlete leaves the field, has his/her injury treated and covered and wishes to re-enter the game in another, differently numbered jersey, that replaces a blood-stained jersey, the athlete may re-enter only after the referee has been advised of the change of number.
- d. All equipment and surfaces contaminated with blood and other body fluids should be cleaned with a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts water. This solution should be prepared fresh daily. This is particularly important on the artificial turf of indoor arenas.
- e. While cleaning blood or other body fluid spills, the following must be done:
  - wear waterproof gloves;
  - wipe up fluids with paper towels or disposable cloths;
  - disinfect the area as described in (d);
  - place all soiled waste in a plastic bag for disposal;
  - remove gloves and wash hands with soap and water.

Other wounds must be reviewed by medical personnel, including abrasions and all skin lesions and rashes on athletes, coaches and officials. All wounds, skin lesions and rashes must be confirmed as non-infectious and be securely covered prior to the athlete starting or continuing participation.