

Curriculum activity risk assessment

Netball

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Activity scope

This document relates to student participation in Netball as a curriculum activity including the teaching of netball skills, team training and competition matches conducted by schools.

Modified versions of netball such as Fun Net (5-7 years), Netta (8-10 years) and other games are not covered by this document.

Risk level

This document is a guideline, the actual risk level will vary according to the specific circumstances of the activity and these **must** be considered when assessing the inherent risk level and planning the activity. As a starting point, ask the following questions:

- Which students will be involved?
- Where will the students be?
- What will the students be doing?
- Who will be leading the activity?
- What will the students be using?



Inherent risk level		Action required/approval	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Record controls in planning documents and/or complete this <i>Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment</i> . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider obtaining parental permission.

Teachers/leaders:

Activity description:

Start date:

Finish date:

No. of students (approx.):

Class groups:

Supervision ratio (approx.):

Listed below are the minimum recommendations for this type of activity. For any items ticked 'No', provide further information regarding the additional or alternate controls to be implemented for the safe conduct of the activity.

Minimum supervision

Adequate adult supervision is to be provided. In determining what is adequate, consider the number of students, their individual needs, and the nature of the activity.

If an adult other than a registered teacher is engaged for instruction, a teacher should be present to take overall responsibility. [Blue Card](#) requirements **must** be adhered to.

- Registered teacher with minimum qualifications as outlined below
OR
 An adult with minimum qualifications as outlined below, in the presence of a registered teacher.

Further information:

Minimum qualifications

The qualifications listed in this section are minimums for each type of situation. Leaders are encouraged to seek training to raise their qualification level above the minimum listed.

- Current first aid qualifications including Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or ready access to first aid facilities, including qualified personnel.
 [Blue Card](#) requirements met.

For a registered teacher:

- Foundation Level coaching qualifications from [Netball Australia](#) or [Netball Queensland](#)
OR
 Competence (demonstrated ability/experience to undertake the activity) in the teaching of Netball.

A teacher could demonstrate a reasonable level of competence by two or more of the following:

- knowledge of the activity and the associated hazards and risks
 experience (i.e. previous involvement) in undertaking the activity
 demonstrated ability and/or expertise to undertake the activity
 possession of qualifications related to the activity.

OR

For a leader other than a registered teacher:

- Foundation Level coaching qualifications from Netball Australia or Netball Queensland.

Further information:

Minimum equipment/facilities <i>If 'No' is ticked, provide further information.</i>	Yes	No
First aid kit suitable for activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication system: <input type="checkbox"/> phone-line at location <input type="checkbox"/> mobile phone <input type="checkbox"/> walkie talkies/UHF Radio <input type="checkbox"/> student/adult messenger Other:		
Sun safety equipment (hat, sunscreen, shirt etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water (students should not share drinking containers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommended full length padding on goal posts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ball size appropriate to age of students. Refer to Netball Australia rules.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommended minimum clearance of two metre surrounding courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some suggested alternate controls where minimum boundary clearance is not met: <input type="checkbox"/> reduce the size of the playing field to achieve an adequate clearance zone <input type="checkbox"/> remove spectators/dangerous obstacles within the clearance zone <input type="checkbox"/> provide instructions to the officials/supervisors and players about the limited clearance zone <input type="checkbox"/> station supervisors near any obstacles within the clearance zone.		
Further information:		

Governing bodies/associations <i>If 'No' is ticked, provide further information.</i>	Yes	No
Guidelines/codes of practice are established for this activity. See Netball Australia , Netball Queensland . Have these been considered during the planning of this activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are organising competitions or other events, have you referred to Queensland School Sport Unit ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further information:		

Hazards/risks	Control measures	Yes	No	Implementation plan/ Additional controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures should be adopted to minimise loose balls entering the playing area and safety procedures should be established for their removal. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physical exertion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strains and sprains Cramps Exhaustion and fatigue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover rules, safety procedures and prerequisite skills before students play the game. Refer to Rules of Netball. Follow progressive and sequential skill development. Modify games to match the skill and fitness levels of students. Modify the length of games. Have appropriate warm-up and warm-down activities. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student numbers Special needs High risk behaviours Medical conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain parental permission, including relevant medical information. When students with medical conditions are involved, ensure that relevant medical/ emergency plans and medications are readily available (insulin, Ventolin®, Epipen®, etc). Refer to Individual Education Plan/Educational Adjustment Plan/Behaviour Management Plan and other student documents. Where necessary, obtain advice from relevant Advisory Visiting Teachers or Specialist Teachers. Ensure there is adequate adult supervision. Jewellery can be a serious hazard when undertaking many activities. Note that jewellery and body piercing must not be worn. Note that long fingernails must be cut to prevent injury to any participants. Note that players must wear footwear appropriate to the playing surface. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Hazards/risks	Control measures	Yes	No	Implementation plan/ Additional controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that personal accessories such as belts, hair pins etc, containing metal are not worn. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional control measures

These would relate to the specific student needs, location and conditions in which you are conducting your activity.

Hazards/risks	Control measures

Submitted by:	Date:
List the names of those who were involved in the preparation of this risk assessment.	

Approval	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved as submitted:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved with the following condition(s):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not approved for the following reason(s):
By:	Designation:
Signed:	Date:
Once approved, activity details should be entered into the School Curriculum Activity Register by administrative staff.	Reference No.

Monitor and review <i>To be completed during and/or after the activity and/or at the completion of the series of activities.</i>	Yes	No
Are the control measures still effective?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are further actions required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details:		

Important links

- HLS-PR-003: First Aid
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr003/>
- HLS-PR-004: Infection Control and Management of Prescribed Contagious Conditions
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr004/>
- Infection Control Guideline
http://education.qld.gov.au/health/pdfs/healthsafety/infection_control_guideline.pdf
- HLS-PR-005: Health and Safety incident recording and notification
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr005/>
- HLS-PR-013: Developing a Sun Safety Strategy
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr013/>
- HRM-PR-010: Working with Children Check - Blue Cards
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/hr/hrmpr010/>
- SCM-PR-002: School Excursions
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/schools/scmpr002/>
- Queensland School Sport Unit
http://www.learningplace.com.au/default_suborg.asp?orgid=128&suborgid=788
- Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program
<http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/sportrec/community-programs/education-and-training/get-active-queensland-accreditation-program/course-information>
- Netball Queensland
<http://www.netballq.org.au/>
- Netball Australia
<http://www.netball.asn.au/>

Further information

For further information on incorporating risk management strategies into curriculum activity planning refer to [HLS-PR-012 Managing Risks in School Curriculum Activities](#) and the associated list of [Curriculum Activity Risk Management Guidelines](#).

For further support with risk management training and advice, contact trained staff in schools such as Workplace Health and Safety Officers (WHSOs) and Workplace Health and Safety Representatives (WHSRs), and regional staff such as Senior Health and Safety Consultants.