

The Western Australian Darts Council Inc



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1.0 Application

In framing this policy it is important to consider the types of contagion that might be applicable to the normal environment that applies to the sport of Darts. The primary consideration is that Darts is not a contact or collision sport.

1.01. **HIV (Aids)** may be spread by contact with infected players via blood.

1.02 **HEPATITIS B** may be transferred by the medium of blood.

2.0 Open Cuts

All open cuts and abrasions shall be reported and treated immediately to preclude blood contamination of any item.

This is an area of principal concern to the Western Australian Inc. given that the skin can be broken very easily by contact with players and facilities or equipment.

3.0 Players

3.01 Personal Hygiene

It is the player's responsibility to maintain strict personal hygiene, as this is the best method of controlling the spread of infectious diseases.

3.02 Vaccinations

It is strongly recommended that all participants involved in darts and playing under adult rules, be vaccinated for **HEPATITIS B**.

3.03 Player Medical Clearances

Players with prior evidence of these diseases shall obtain clearances from a doctor prior to participation.

4.0 Team Areas

4.01 Responsibilities

The Western Australian Darts Council Inc. Being responsible for Council sanctioned events; it is the Affiliated Associations and their Member Clubs joint responsibilities to ensure that all Toilet areas and Rest Rooms are clean and tidy. Particular attention shall be paid to hand basins, toilets and showers. Adequate soap dispensers, paper hand towels or air dryers, brooms and disinfectants, etc., shall be available at all time.

4.02 Contaminated Articles

All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood shall be treated as potentially infectious and treated accordingly.

4.05 Sharing Articles

Sharing of towels, face washers and drink containers shall not occur.

5.0 TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

5.01 Reporting

Officials shall report all open cuts and abrasions at the first available opportunity.

5.02 Vaccinations

It is recommended that those who officiate should be vaccinated for **HEPATITIS B**.

5.03 Contaminated Articles

All contaminated clothing and equipment shall be replaced prior to the player being allowed to resume play.

5.04 Recurrent Bleeding

If bleeding should recur, the above procedures shall be repeated.

5.05 Non Controllable Bleeding

If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player shall not be allowed to continue in the game.

6.0 General

If a player or official, or Association official is found to be suffering from HEPATITIS or HIV then that person shall not play, nor be involved in any team nor match, until cleared by his or her medical practitioner.

7.0 Education

There shall be an obligation upon the Western Australian Darts Council Inc. to provide suitable information on the associated risk factor and prevention strategies of **HEPATITIS B** and **HIV** to all of our Affiliated Associations.
