

Risk Assessment

Basketball

Junior Girls (Year 7 & 8)
Intermediate Girls (Year 9 & 10)
Senior Girls (Year 11-12)
Junior Boys (Year 7 & 8)
Intermediate Boys (Year 9 & 10)
Senior Boys (Year 11 & 12)

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Reference documents: https://seisa.com.au/resources/ SEISA Handbook SEISA Adverse Weather Policy SEISA Child Safe Policy SEISA Code of Conduct SEISA First Aid Policy SEISA Student Behaviour Standards SEISA General Regulations SEISA Equipment Specifications	
Briefly describe the sport and its' context: SEISA Basketball is part of the weekly Sport Program for boys and girls. Basketball is played during the following times: • Term 1 (Intermediate and Senior boys - years 9-12) • Term 2 (Junior girls – year 7 & 8) • Term 3 (Intermediate and Senior Girls – Years 9-12); and • Term 4 (Junior Boys – years 7 & 8) The home school hosts each sport and provides venues and first aid for the weekly home & away matches and appoints qualified and experienced referee/s for all matches.	



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Hazard	Description of Risk	Control(s)	Risk Rating	Person Responsible	Completion Date
Wet or slippery indoor court surface	Risk of slips, falls and related injuries due to moisture or dust on the court.	Court inspected and mopped prior to match. Spills cleaned immediately. Players wear appropriate footwear. Home team completion of SEISA match day checklist with visiting team to co-sign.	Low	Home Team Coach	Prior to match start
Loose floorboards or damaged court surface	Tripping hazard or injury due to uneven or damaged flooring.	Facility checked prior to match. Damaged areas reported. Home team completion of SEISA match day checklist with visiting team to co-sign.	Low	Home Team Coach	Prior to match start
Insufficient padding on walls or structures near court	Risk of collision injury during fast play near edges.	All walls/structures within 2 metres of court to be padded. Court setup checked before game. Home team completion of SEISA match day checklist with visiting team to co-sign.	Medium	Home Team Coach	Prior to match start
Court dimensions not up to regulating body minimum safety standards	Undersized courts or courts with inadequate run-off space can lead to increased risk of collisions with walls, benches, or other structures near the court perimeter. Incorrect court markings may cause confusion during play, increasing the likelihood of injury and disputable game incidents.	All matches must be played on courts that comply with the regulating body's minimum safety standards, including correct court dimensions and adequate run-off space (minimum of 2 metres clearance from court boundary to any wall or structure). Court markings must be clear, accurate, and aligned with official basketball regulations.	Medium	Home School Administration	Prior to match start
Basketball backboards/rings not secure	Risk of falling equipment causing injury.	Backboards and rings to be checked for stability before match.	Low	Home Team Coach	Prior to match start
Unsupervised equipment or balls on sidelines	Tripping hazard or interference with game play.	Ensure all equipment is stored away from court area. Coaches supervise sideline setup.	Low	School Coaches Responsible for own students and equipment	Prior to match start
Collisions	Collisions with surrounding object/people, impact from equipment – balls, contact sport injury, personal injury – fracture/sprain/cut.	Warm up by teams to be conducted under coach supervision, practice drills to be performed with adequate space around participants, students to wear appropriate footwear.	Low	School Coaches Responsible for own students and equipment	Prior to match start and during match

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Unsafe coach, participant and student behaviour	Poor safety control from group leaders, poor safety awareness from participants, aggression between participants.	School staff & Coaches brief students regarding safe playing behaviour and how to minimise safety risks.	Low	School Staff & Coaches & Umpires	Prior to match start and during match
Dehydration and extreme weather	Lack of hydration due to extreme weather conditions Risk of injury due to extreme weather condition.	All participants to bring own water bottles. Coaches, in consultation with School Staff & Umpires, to monitor playing conditions in relation to storms and adverse weather. Play may be suspended, postponed or cancelled as required according to the SEISA Adverse Weather Policy.	Low	School Coaches Responsible for own students	During match
Unruly spectators	Unruly spectator behaviour such as shouting abuse, aggressive confrontations, interfering with play, or any other conduct which causes harm to coaches, students, staff or other spectators.	School staff, coaches and umpires to monitor behaviour and enforce consequences (such as warning or removal) to prevent and manage unruly spectator conduct.	Medium	School Staff & Coaches & Umpires	During match
Evacuation in case of emergency	Lack of awareness of emergency evacuation plan such as emergency service notification – including proposed access and egress points, evacuation procedures – including warnings and evacuation points – and any potential hazards in case of an evacuation.	Schools staff, coaches and umpires are to be aware of venue specific evacuation plans, including emergency exits and evacuations points.	Medium	School Staff & Coaches & Umpires	Prior to match start and during match
Child Safety Policy & Code of Ethics and Behaviour	Lack of awareness of child safety expectations and practices by coaches, students, school staff and spectators.	SEISA is committed to the safety and well-being of children and young people. Refer to the SEISA Child Safe Policy.	Low	School Staff & Coaches SEISA Schools	Prior to match start
Lack of appropriate changeroom facilities	Lack of appropriate and suitable changeroom facilities for coaches and students.	Schools are required to use facilities with access to changeroom and toilet facilities.	Low	Home Team Sport Administration	Prior to match start

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the risk register, please contact your Head of Sport or email eo@seisa.com.au

Risk Rating Matrix (Likelihood x Consequence = Risk Rating)

LIKELIHOOD		CONSEQUENCE				
		Low	Minor	Moderate	High	Extreme
SCORE		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Medium 5	High 10	High 15	Very High 20	Very High 25
Likely	4	Medium 4	Medium 8	High 12	High 16	Very High 20
Possible	3	Low 3	Medium 6	Medium 9	High 12	High 15
Unlikely	2	Low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	Medium 8	High 10
Rare	1	Low 1	Low 2	Low 3	Medium 4	Medium 5

An overall risk rating is allocated to an identified risk using the adjacent matrix which indicates the residual risk presented by a combination of 'likelihood' and 'consequence'. Residual risk is the status of a risk when all risk controls are in place.

SCORE	ASSESSMENT OF RISK	PRIORITY OF ACTION
1 to 4	Low	Address or repair if low cost. Schedule for action after other risks have been controlled
5 to 9	Medium	Further improvements required: assess feasibility for risk controls; sign-off required if the risk/s are to be accepted
10 to 16	High	Risk controls required as soon as possible
16 plus	Very High	Immediate attention required. Consider shutdown or cessation of process until additional risk controls are implemented

RISK MATRIX LEGEND

LIKELIHOOD	Description	CONSEQUENCE	Description
Almost Certain	The event will occur in most circumstances	Low	Some loss: existing controls and procedures should cope with event or circumstance. No obvious injury or illness.
Likely	The event may occur in most circumstances	Minor	Event with consequences that that can be readily absorbed but requires management effort to minimise impact. First aid treatment for minor cuts and bruises.
Possible	The event might occur at some time	Moderate	Critical event or circumstance that can be managed under normal circumstances: Medical treatment and evacuation required. Likely to result in time off from sport and school.
Unlikely	The event could occur at some time	Major	Event or circumstance that can be endured with proper management. Extensive serious injury/permanent disability.
Rare	The event might occur in exceptional circumstances	Extreme	Event or circumstance with potentially disastrous impact. Fatality, multiple fatalities.

TERM	DEFINITION
Hazard	A hazard is any situation that has the potential to cause (or lead to) harm to people or damage to property.
Risk	What harm might occur when exposed to the hazard.
Controls	Any measure or action that modifies risk. Controls include (but not limited to) policy, procedure, practice, process, technology, technique, method, or device that modifies or manages risk.
Control Rating	A rating of how effective the controls are.
Likelihood	The chance that something might happen (can be measured either qualitatively or quantitatively).
Consequence	The outcome of an event. A single event can generate a range of consequences, which can have both positive and/or negative effects.
Risk Rating	An indication the level of risk related to the hazard. This rating assists organisations in prioritising resources to address hazards that are deemed to be too high after the implementation of controls. Calculated by multiplying the Likelihood rating by the Consequence rating.
Treatment Plan	Steps that could/should be taken to improve controls for the risk.

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