

Sport Specific Risk Assessment - Handball

Below are indicative hazards and risks and suggested control measures. They are by no means exhaustive lists. After checking these, add details of any other hazards/risks and additional controls you intend to implement.

Hazards/Risks	Control measures	Yes	No	Additional preventative measures
Environmental conditions				
Surfaces, Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the playing surface is non-slip and free from obstacles and loose objects • Ensure the surface is flat with Handball goals or similar goals • Ensure clearance area surrounding each court is sufficient • Ensure that indoor facilities have adequate lighting and ventilation 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event organisers/officials to inform venue staff of any problems regarding playing areas/equipment. • Reduce the size of the playing field to achieve an adequate clearance zone. • Remove spectators/dangerous obstacles from the clearance zone. • Station supervisors near any obstacles within the clearance zone.
Fast moving objects				
Balls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure players/coaches are informed to look out for stray balls 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure goalkeepers defend their goal against one ball at a time only during skills practice/warm-up
Personal safety and equipment				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure players wear footwear appropriate for the surface • Ensure equipment, including goal nets, is checked for damage before play commences and removed from use where necessary • Ensure that the balls used are of regulation size • Ensure that boundary markers are made of non-injurious material • Ensure goals are stable and firmly fixed 			
Physical contact & exertion				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaks/sprains • Cuts/Abrasions • Ligament damage • Joint dislocation • Concussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide instruction in rules and safety procedures before the start of competition • Monitor player numbers and available space • Ensure players with open cuts or abrasions are removed from the playing area immediately and not allowed back on before the bleeding has been stopped completely • Enforce rules on physical contact to prevent rough play • Ensure jewellery is removed or taped • Have appropriate warm-up and cool down exercises 			
Players				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player numbers • Special needs/Disability • Medical conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain parental permission (for players under 18), relevant medical information and emergency contact details • Ensure there is adequate adult supervision • Where necessary, obtain advice from relevant coaches/teacher or team managers 			
Additional control measures				
Hazards/Risks				
Control Measures				

This is a generic Sport Risk Assessment which identifies the common hazards and control measures associated with this type of event. Before the event commences the Sports Lead will complete an on the day venue Risk Assessment and respond accordingly.