

The Logan Basketball **Blood Policy** must be adhered to in Queensland.

A Blood Kit must be readily available at all times.

It cannot be in a locked location.

Associations may wish to purchase containers that are not translucent, that can be screwed or affixed in some way to the bench and are then clearly marked with a symbol.

Suggested Contents of a Blood Kit:

- 1 Packet of paper hand towels.
- 1 Packet of disposable latex surgical gloves.
- 1 packet of medium sized resealable plastic bags.
- 1 x 1500ml Spray Bottle with 0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water.
Please note that bleach is the key ingredient. Can use standard household bleach but it must not be used past its use by date. Solutions should only be used if they have been mixed (prepared) that day.

Referees need to be aware and implement the following policy in relation to the safety of the Basketball court and the risk of viral transmissions.

As a guide the following steps need to be adhered to in relation to safety on the court:

1. During a game the official is to order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, to leave the court and substitute the player.
2. The wound should be treated with no further bleeding and the area completely covered and secured.
3. A bleeding player who has received treatment on affected area covered may remain in the game at an expense of a team time out. (As for an injured player).
4. If there was blood on the uniform it is to be removed immediately and replaced.
5. A player with wet or dry bloodstains on their uniform is not allowed to play.
6. A player can be allowed back on the court if their uniform has been soaked in the recommended solution in the blood kit for at least 5 minutes and rinsed with water.
7. If there is blood on the ball it is to be replaced immediately.
8. Blood spilt on the floor or benches is to be washed with bleach and detergent solution.
9. A blood kit is to be situated at the scorable during games. The kit is to be only used for the purpose of dealing with spilt blood on floor or benches.

Guidelines for scorable officials:

1. When a uniform is changed draw one line through the old number, place the new number beside it, with an asterisk beside the numbers with an explanation at the bottom of the score sheet.
2. Where the scorable officials observe bleeding on a player and the referees have not become aware of this, the chairperson is to wait until the next dead ball period before advising referees.

Persons tending to bleeding players and blood on surfaces should:

1. Take precautions to not come into contact with body fluids, blood, or soiled objects even if the risk is low.
2. Take care to avoid blood from a wounded person coming into contact with skin punctures, cuts, particularly on fingers, eyes or mucus membranes of the nose or mouth.
3. Put gloves on and spray the bleach and detergent solution directly onto the spilt surface then wipe the surface with paper towel.
4. Always wear surgical latex disposable gloves when dealing with any form of body fluids.
5. Place soiled linen or uniforms in sealed plastic bag to be sealed to be then washed in a normal machine wash cycle.
6. After placing soiled paper towels, gloves, compresses, dressings and bandages into a sealed bag destroy or dispose of these items in garbage disposal units.
7. Thoroughly wash hands with a bleach and detergent solution before and immediately after contact with the person being treated even if gloves have been worn.
8. Do not use sponges especially not to clean several wounded persons in succession.

Information on the prevention of AIDS:

1. Blood contact can occur through open bleeding wounds, abrasions and inflammatory injuries on the skin.
2. Basketball is a medium risk sport.
3. The AIDS virus cannot be transmitted by saliva, sweat, urine, skin contact, handshakes, bath water, swimming pools, showers or toilets.
4. Light washing with detergent or water does not necessarily kill the HIV
5. HIV can survive in dried blood for up to 7 days.
6. The risk of blood on clothing being transmitted to another player is extremely small, but real.