

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SAFETY CHECKLISTS

SOCCER

Soccer is played on a field (or in a gym) by two teams trying to drive a ball into the opponent's net predominantly by using their feet.

Risk Factor Rating

2

General Learning Outcome

The student will demonstrate safe and responsible behaviours to manage risks and prevent injuries in physical activity participation and for daily living.

Risk Management Strategies

Safety information and recommendations contained in this safety checklist are believed to reflect best practice to reduce risk. The suggested risk management strategies are considered minimum standards for physical activity in an organized or formal setting. They may not apply to all situations (e.g., home-based, recreational, or modified activities), and more stringent safety standards may be applied by instructors/coaches/program leaders of OUT-of-class physical activities in organized programs.

Instruction

Note: The amount and level of instruction/directions required by the student may vary based on circumstances such as the student's personal experience, skill level, and physical condition. The use of media resources, such as books and instructional videos, may replace direct instruction if deemed appropriate and safe.

Instruction is received from a trained/certified National Coaching Certification Program/Canadian Soccer Association coach or an experienced coach capable of demonstrating competencies of a certified coach as is appropriate, depending on various factors such as level of risk, intensity, accessibility, experience, and skill (If participating in an organized soccer league there may be a certification requirement for the coach.)

All sessions are conducted in a safe environment, with students being aware of the potential risks involved in soccer

Safety rules (including appropriate behaviours related to moveable goals and heading of the ball) are learned prior to participation

Skills/movements are learned in proper progression

Each session is conducted with a proper warm-up, cool-down, and appropriate fitness work

Drinking water is available and consumed as needed

Supervision

Note: The level of supervision is provided as is appropriate, depending on various factors such as level of risk, intensity, accessibility, experience, and skill.

Recommended level of supervision: **on-site supervision**

Individual responsible for first aid is present

Safety rules and procedures are enforced

Emergency action plan is in place to deal with accidents/injuries

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Facility/Environment

Local weather conditions, forecast, and windchill are checked prior to outdoor session
Playing surface is level and free of hazards/debris
Activity area is clearly marked with adequate out-of-bounds areas
Proper lighting and ventilation, when applicable, are provided
Instructions for use of facility are posted
Emergency exit of indoor facility is clearly marked

Equipment

Equipment to be used is suitable and in good condition
Goals are securely in place
Balls are correct size and properly inflated
Corner flags meet Canadian Soccer Association requirements
Students ensure they have a water bottle at all sessions
Soft pylons are used to mark practice areas
First aid kit and phone are available

Clothing/Footwear

Players should consider wearing mouth guard
Protective orthopedic apparatus must be soft and padded, in compliance with Canadian Soccer Association regulations
Footwear meets the requirements of the Canadian Soccer Association
Laces are tied and open-toed shoes are avoided
Jewelry is removed or secured when safety is a concern
Appropriate clothing is worn (t-shirt and shorts are best), permitting unrestricted movement
Clothing must meet requirements of club or competition
Suitable protection is used against heat, cold, sun, or insects

Other Considerations

The student has completed a regular medical checkup and a medical history prior to starting the program
The student has submitted the signed Parent Declaration and Consent & Student Declaration Form (student under 18) or Student Declaration Form (student 18 and over) prior to beginning the program
Registration in an accident insurance plan is encouraged
Students who suffer an injury are referred to appropriate medical personnel for treatment and rehabilitation, and should not return to training until cleared by a qualified medical professional
The activity is suitable to the student's age, ability, mental condition, and physical condition
The student demonstrates self-control at all times and avoids any behaviour deemed inappropriate
The student's choice of this activity as part of the OUT-of-class component of the physical education/health education course has been presented to the parent/guardian (student under 18 years of age) and to the teacher