# 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