

# TOURNAMENT RISKS

## A Direct Kick to Safety

### MISSION AND CHALLENGE

Provide a healthy, safe and fair competition for all teams participating.

Allow everyone the opportunity to participate in the activities, view the competitions and experience the spirit of the tournament.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

#### The Hosting Organization

- State Association
- Clubs and Leagues

#### Tournament Officials

- Tournament Director
- Tournament Committee
- Tournament Staff

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ***Security (Uniform Patrol)***

- Protect all players, spectators and participants
- Control traffic flow
- Monitor parking area for pedestrian safety

#### ***Grounds and Equipment***

- Soccer Goals-inspect and anchor
  1. Inspect construction/sharp corners
  2. Inspect net installation-no metal ties
  3. Goals anchored securely
  4. Secure/anchor goals not in use
- Fields
  1. Inspect for foreign objects
  2. Check for pot holes, hills/ruts
  3. Sprinkler heads seated and properly covered
  4. Restraining line 3' from touch line for spectators
- Inspect bleachers and seating
- Portable tents securely anchored
- Vendors-inspect facilities/equipment
- Secure the maintenance facility & equipment for safety precautions
- Adequate restroom facilities
- Beware of the "Attractive Nuisance"

## ***Transportation***

- Vehicle operators properly authorized and licensed
- Golf Carts – require seating for all passengers

## **No standing on carts while moving!**

## ***Severe Weather***

- Monitor weather alert radio and lightning detector
- Provide emergency signal device to assist with evacuation of complex
- Instruct coaches on evacuation procedures

## ***Medical***

Tournaments will provide paramedical facilities and qualified medical personnel shall be present at all playing sites during competition.

### **Trainers and medical personnel shall meet the following criteria:**

- Be trained and equipped to treat trauma and perform CPR
- Provide emergency first aid
- Recognize and treat sport related injuries
- Maintain communications with tournament HQ and EMS services
- Medics identifiable (badge/clothing)
- Provide written directions to local medical facilities or hospitals
- Provide written report to tournament director for each transported patient

## **REFEREE**

- Certified Referee Assignor
- Recommend Referee Assessors
- Certified USSF Referees
- Referee skills = match competition

## **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

- Adequate tournament staffing
- Committee/Staff identification
- Communications for staff
- Recognizable Headquarters

## **GOAL.....**

Most tournament risks can be avoided by developing a Tournament Risk Management Program, that will substantially reduce or eliminate the likelihood of emergencies.

## **SEEYA ON THE PITCH!**

In the event of a tournament emergency or any critical situation, we hope the information presented today will assist you in minimizing the risk and maximizing your tournament's SUCCESS.

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