



NORTH RIDING ABILITY COUNTS LEAGUE

CLUB/PLAYER CONSENT POLICY

Medical

Emergency Contact Information - All teams should have relevant contact information on all members participating.

1. **Medical Concern** - If a player has a medical condition, what systems should be in place for them?

- The club Medical Emergency Aid Plan (MEAP) should include the treatment required for the participant, agreed with the participant and/or the parent/carer and all coaching and support staff should be advised on this. This should be signed and agreed at the start of each season.
- The player should have correspondence from their GP if there are any specific needs or concerns raised. This may require a parent/carer to be present for the duration of all sessions.
- A parent/carer and participants should carefully consider the support provided at the club as to the suitability of their participation. Not all clubs will be able to offer the same level of care and support the responsibility is on the individual to ensure they choose a club that is able to support their needs.
- The player should bring with them their own medication prior to each session and this should be held by a nominated person (named in the MEAP) and collected by the player at the end of each session. Where a player fails to bring their medication to any session, they will be unable to participate.
- If the player is feeling ill, they should not attend sessions and take advice from their own GP or another appropriately qualified medical professional.
- If the player is taken ill during the session due to their medical condition, they will need to stop all activity and seek medical support.
- All teams must request information regarding any medical conditions of a player. If the condition is to have an impact on the player whilst playing football, they should have written evidence from their GP or a medical professional supporting the players decision. A risk assessment must be in place for the player to take part in any football.
- Where appropriate, an additional risk assessment may be required from the club the player is registered for. This may include the requirement for a 'doctors' letter' as confirmation of the individual's clearance to participate in football.
- Examples of such cases may include but are not limited to clinical conditions such as epilepsy, diabetes, asthma or certain conditions which necessitate specific medical treatment which may lead to an increased risk posed by contact sports, such as the use of anticoagulants.

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Additional Information

- **Risk Assessment** - The league may need to see the club risk assessment so they can put their own in place. The league decision is final.
- **Emergency Medication** - If a player is prescribed emergency medication, this should be available to them whilst attending, it should be stored safely with someone who has adequate responsibility and who can provide as and when needed by the individual. An appropriate person should be able to administer medication should it be required.
- *Please ensure you follow the government guidance regarding administration of the medication. Please see the attached document **Frequently asked medical questions guidance notes 5.10 (Attached as a PDF)** for further information*
- **GDPR** – *Please ensure you are following the current government guidance around holding/sharing certain information about a person’s medical history, may be useful in supporting that individual. Please read page 7 of the **Frequently asked medical questions guidance notes 5.10 (Attached as a PDF)***