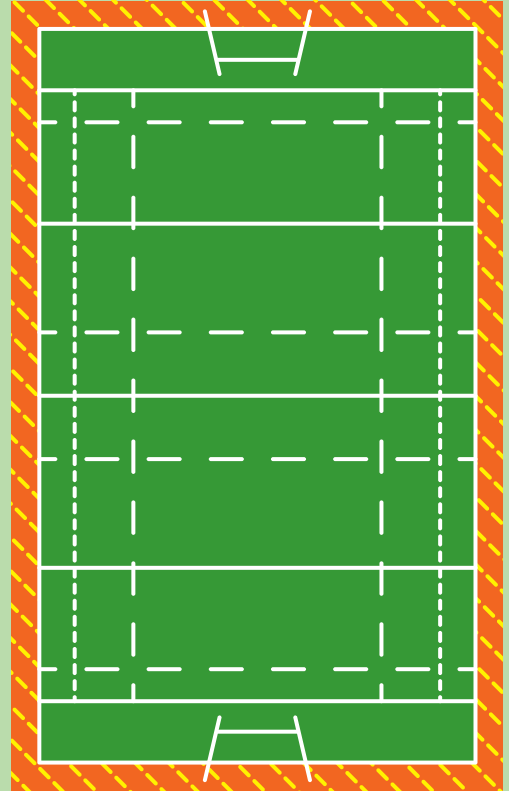


# SAFETY IN THE PLAYING ENVIRONMENT

## FIELD SAFETY INSPECTION DECISION MAKING

### BASIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Condition of playing field in accordance with the laws of the game?
- Athletic field or concrete border around playing field within 5 m of the playing field?
- Fixed objects within 5 m of playing field?
- Movable objects within 5 m of playing field?



## SAFETY DECISION MAKING MATRIX

**SAFE  
TO  
PLAY**



**SAFE TO PLAY**  
WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OR FIXES

- Bring field markings in to make field smaller and create sufficient distance away from movable or fixed objects surrounding the field
- Increase playing enclosure perimeter space surrounding the playing field to create sufficient distance away from movable objects
- Need to provide protective padding or mats over athletic field, concrete border, or in front of movable or fixed objects
- Need to completely remove unsafe fixed or movable objects
- Perform 'chicken-parade' inspection of fields before matches to remove any dangerous objects such as glass

**UNSAFE  
TO PLAY**

Unsafe to play, major adjustments required. All rugby suspended until cleared by Union representative



## EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN OR EAP DETAILS REQUIRED

- Layout of the facility and access to the facility
- Equipment available
- Internal support personnel
- External support personnel
- Communication required
- Follow up required post catastrophic injury

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Nearest Accessible Private Hospitals
- Nearest Accessible Government Hospitals
- Nearest Spinal Unit Accessible
- Local Government Emergency Service Providers
- Local Private Emergency Service Providers
- BokSmart SpineLine
- SICM or Serious Injury Case Manager
- Always have qualified adult supervision with scholars
- Practice techniques regularly with medical teams prior to match days

# SAFETY IN THE PLAYING ENVIRONMENT CHECKLIST



ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS	GREEN	GOLD	GOLD+	CONFIRMED (✓ / X)
Whirling Hygrometer/ WBGT*	✓	✓	✓	
Lightning warning system*	✓	✓	✓	
Telephone access	✓	✓	✓	
MEDICAL PERSONNEL	GREEN	GOLD	GOLD+	
Match Doctor	X	X	✓	
Venue Doctor	X	✓	✓	
Specialist services on site	X	X	✓	
Specialist services on standby	X	✓	✓	
Nursing sister	X	X	✓	
Medical liaison	X	X	✓	
ALS paramedics	X	X	✓	
ILS paramedics	X	✓	✓	
BAA	X	✓	✓	
Trained First Aider	✓	X	X	
Ambulance and staff on site	X	✓	✓	
Ambulance and staff on standby	✓	X	X	
Air staff (on standby)	X	✓	✓	

EQUIPMENT	GREEN	GOLD	GOLD+	CONFIRMED (✓ / X)
Spinal board and harness	✓	✓	✓	
Cervical collars and head blocks	✓	✓	✓	
BLS equipment	X	✓	✓	
BokSmart Concussion Guide	✓	✓	✓	
SCAT tool	✓**	✓	✓	
First Aid bag	✓**	✓	✓	
ALS equipment	X	✓	✓	
Golf cart	X	✓	✓	
MEDICAL ROOM	GREEN	GOLD	GOLD+	
Medical tent/station	✓	X	X	
Emergency treatment room	X	✓	✓	
ADVANCED CARE	GREEN	GOLD	GOLD+	
ALS equipped ambulance on site	X	X	✓	
BLS equipped ambulance on site	X	✓	X	
Access to emergency medical services	✓	X	X	
Trauma unit (< 1 hour)	✓	✓	✓	
Spinal unit (< 4 hours)	✓	✓	✓	
Air transport (helicopter)	X	✓	✓	

\*Telephonic access to this information is sufficient

\*\*Where indicated in certain underprivileged or disadvantaged communities, this cannot be seen as a requirement