# Risk Management for Club Coaches





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#### **Pre-season Meeting**

**Players/Parents** 

- 1. Expectations
- 2. Rules
- 3. Questionnaires





## Field Issues

- 1. Goal post safety
- 2. Bleachers, stands and nets
- 3. Field inspection
- 4. Weather





## Training and Games

- 1. Inspections
- 2. Matches
- 3. Cards





## Medical Issues

- 1. Player specific
- 2. General
- -Concussions
- -ACLs
- Heat acclimatization
- Sudden cardiac arrest



### **Other Issues**

Hazing Tournaments Social Media Vehicles



## Tools of the Trade

- 1. Education
- 2. Cell Phone
- 3. Contact list
- 4. Networking
- 5. Insurance



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