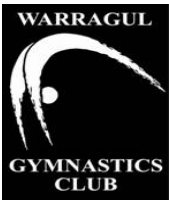


It is the policy of Warragul Gymnastic Club that all possible attempts shall be made to prevent cross-infection, via blood or other body fluids, from occurring from person/gymnast to person/gymnast during gymnastic.

FIG policy is that direct person-to-person transfer of blood-borne infection, whilst not impossible, does not require practical consideration, in the sport of Gymnastics. However, in gymnastics, circumstances might arise where bleeding occurs and contaminates apparatus. In such cases, the following should occur:

- When a gymnast notices bleeding, he/she should make every effort to seek medical attention, to stop the bleeding and cover the wound, as soon as possible, or immediately when directed by Coach/Club Manager. If not, the Coach/Club Manager shall be notified, and the gymnast shall be required to leave the Competition/Training Area.
- A gymnast, with a bleeding wound, shall not be able to resume Competition or Training until appropriate medical attention has been given, and the area of bleeding deemed to be safe for return to the apparatus, to the satisfaction of the Coach/Club Manager (or his/her assistant).
- Any area of blood on the gymnast's clothing will need to be cleaned or covered, or the clothing changed, to the satisfaction of the Coach/Club Manager (or his/her assistant).
If not, Coach/Club Manager (or his/her assistant) shall be notified and the gymnast may be required to leave the area until compliance is satisfactory.
- Blood on apparatus should be cleaned, as soon as possible, with the appropriate disinfectant solution (as recommended by current medical practice), to the satisfaction of the Coach/Club Manager (or his/her assistant).
- If apparatus, or section of apparatus cannot be cleaned satisfactorily, the piece of apparatus may need to be replaced. Consultation should occur between the Coach/Club Manager (or his/her assistant).
- A person designated by the Organising Committee shall be responsible for having appropriate cleaning solution and implements in the Venue, with protective gloves, and bags for disposal of waste products, as per acceptable Medical procedure.
- Should a bleeding incident occur during Competition, cleaning of apparatus should be performed as a priority, before any continuation can occur. However,



consideration needs to be given to other circumstances, such as progression of the Event and not causing any unnecessary delay, appearance to the audience and safety of the other gymnasts and personnel. Consultation will be required between Coach/Club Manager (or his/her assistant) and the Floor Manager/Competition Director.

- If a significant bleeding injury occurs during a routine, the Head Judge for that apparatus, the Floor Manager, Competition Director and/or Chief Medical Officer (or his/her deputy), shall have the authority to stop the routine and have the gymnast seek immediate medical attention and proceed as per above. It should be remembered that these types of infections, via the blood, have ONLY been felt to theoretically occur, if there is:
 - 1. DIRECT CONTACT with blood from a bleeding source, and
 - 2. an OPEN WOUND on the other person, for entry into that other person.
- There is no proven case of such infection having ever occurred in a sporting situation.

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