

# FIRST AID POLICY

## Minimum First Aid Required for Polocrosse Carnivals in Australia

First aid provided at any sporting event should aim to save life until an ambulance arrives. First aid interventions are highly skilled tasks that require not only a qualification but also practice to maintain the level of skill required. First aid providers should importantly 'do no harm'.

Across Australia there are variations in first aid services available for sporting events, and variations in legislation and terminology. Each State Polocrosse Association therefore needs to determine the level of first aid which is appropriate given the nature of our sport, access to service providers across the State, remoteness of the venue and size of the event. The level of first aid provided at any specific carnival should be advised in carnival invitations and promotional materials.

Importantly Host Clubs should seek confirmation / clarification of the skills, experience and minimum equipment provided by the First Aid providers they are considering using for a Carnival.

Dependent upon the number of competitors, consideration should also be given to increasing the number of First Aid Providers.

**Each State is required to advise the PAA of their policy and approach to ensure an adequate level of first aid is provided at all polocrosse carnivals.**

**Each State, Zone and Club should also undertake a full risk assessment when Hosting Polocrosse Carnivals. These risk assessments should include, but are not limited to, appropriate First Aid services.**