

14. H.I.V. POLICY

Dealing with a bloody wound:

- a) If bleeding occurs where other participants may be exposed to blood, **the individual's participation must be interrupted until the bleeding has been stopped**. The wound must be cleansed with antiseptic and securely covered.
- b) All clothing soiled with blood should be replaced prior to the athlete resuming training or competition. Clothing soiled with blood and other body fluids must be washed in hot, soapy water.
- c) If an athlete leaves the field, has his/her injury treated and covered and wishes to re-enter the game in another, differently numbered jersey that replaces a blood-stained jersey, he/she may re-enter **only after the referee has been advised of the change of number**.
- d) All equipment and surfaces contaminated with blood and other body fluids should be cleaned with a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts water. This solution should be prepared fresh daily. **This is particularly important on the artificial turf of indoor arenas.**
- e) While cleaning blood or other body fluid spills, the following must be done:
 - Wear waterproof gloves.
 - Wipe up fluids with paper towels or disposable cloths.
 - Disinfect the area as described in (d) above.
 - Place all soiled waste in a plastic bag for disposal.
 - Remove gloves and wash hands with soap and water.

Other wounds must be reviewed by medical personnel, including abrasions and all skin lesions and rashes on athletes, coaches and officials. All wounds, skin lesions and rashes must be confirmed as non-infectious and be securely covered prior to the athlete starting or continuing participation.

15. CAST AND BRACE POLICY

To: Members Date: 9 April 1997
From: Executive Director
Re: **A.S.A. Policy on Rigid Casts**

This memo will advise that the A.S.A. Board of Directors at their April 5th meeting passed the following policy, which is in effect immediately:

Rigid casts may not be worn in any game under the jurisdiction of the Alberta Soccer Association.

Please pass this information on to your teams and referees.

P.S. Please note that a player wearing a knee brace is still at the referee's discretion as to whether or not it is potentially injurious to another player.