

**POLICY 4****POLICY ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES****1. Application**

In framing this policy it is important to consider the types of contagion that might be applicable to the normal environment that applies to the sports of darts. The primary consideration is that darts is not a contact or collision sport.

1.1 **HIV (Aids)** may be spread by contact with infected players via blood.

1.2 **Hepatitis B** may be transferred by the medium of blood.

**2. Open Cuts**

All open cuts and abrasions shall be reported and treated immediately to preclude blood contamination of any item.

This is an area of principal concern to New South Wales Darts (Inc.) given that the skin can be broken very easily by contact with players and facilities or equipment.

**3. Players****3.1 Personal Hygiene**

It is the players' responsibility to maintain strict personal hygiene as this is the best method of controlling the spread of infectious diseases.

**3.2 Vaccinations**

It is strongly recommended that all participants involved in darts and playing under adult rules be vaccinated for **Hepatitis B**.

**3.3 Player Medical Clearances**

Players with prior evidence of these diseases shall obtain clearances from a doctor prior to participation.

**4. Team Areas****4.1 Responsibilities**

As well as New South Wales Darts (Inc.) being responsible for Darts Australia, NSW Darts and Zone sanctioned events, it is the Affiliated Associations and their Member Clubs, joint and several, responsibility to ensure that all Dressing Rooms be clean and tidy. Particular attention shall be paid to hand basins, toilets and showers. Adequate soap dispensers, paper hand towels or air dryers, brooms, disinfectants. Etc., shall be available at all times.

**4.2 Communal Bathing**

Communal bathing areas, e.g. spas, shall not be used.

**4.3 Spitting and Urinating**

The practice of spitting and urinating in team areas shall not be permitted.

**4.4 Contaminated Articles**

All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood shall be treated as potentially infectious and treated accordingly.

**Policies****4.5 Sharing Articles**

Sharing of towels, face washers and drink containers shall not occur.

**4.6 Vaccinations**

It is recommended that all personnel working in team areas should be vaccinated for **Hepatitis B**.

**5. Tournament Officials****5.1 Reporting**

Officials shall report all open cuts and abrasions at the first available opportunity.

**5.2 Vaccinations**

It is recommended that those who officiate should be vaccinated for **Hepatitis B**.

**5.3 Contaminated Articles**

All contaminated clothing and equipment shall be replaced prior to the player being allowed to resume play.

**5.4 Recurrent Bleeding**

If bleeding cannot be controlled and the wound securely covered, the player shall not be allowed to continue in the game.

**6. General**

If a player or official, or Association staff, is found to be suffering from **Hepatitis B** or **HIV** then that person shall not resume training or play, nor be involved in any team or match, until cleared by his or her medical practitioner or the team medical practitioner.

**7. Education**

There shall be an obligation upon New South Wales Darts (Inc.) to provide suitable information on the associated risk factor and prevention strategies of **Hepatitis B** and **HIV** to all of our Affiliated Associations.