

1. Principles / Background

- 1.1. The general health and well-being of each participant is the priority.
- 1.2. The long-term ability of each participant to compete in their chosen sport takes precedence over their ability to compete at the current 55+ BC Games
- 1.3. To assist the Host Society Medical Services Directorate volunteers in the assessment of high-risk injuries that could impact the long-term ability of a participant to compete in their chosen sport.

2. Policy and Process

- 2.1. Absolute indications to remove participant from competition will include but are not restricted to:
 - 2.1.1. Transient mental status impairment;
 - 2.1.2. Visual impairment;
 - 2.1.3. Contagious skin conditions;
 - 2.1.4. Cardiopulmonary instability;
 - 2.1.5. Concussion;
 - 2.1.6. Suspected spinal injury;
 - 2.1.7. Musculoskeletal injuries in which there is significant risk of further injury to the participant;
 - 2.1.8. Suspected fractures;
 - 2.1.9. Suspected visceral injury.
 - 2.2. Medical Services volunteers assess participant's injuries onsite.
 - 2.3. Where injury warrants, the Medical Services volunteer can decide to remove a participant from competition.
 - 2.4. The Medical Services volunteer will report the removal to the Director of Medical Services, the Host Society Sport Chair and the Event Manager(s).
 - 2.5. Event Manager(s) will inform the President, Vice President and Rules Committee Chair of the BC Seniors Games Society of the decision to remove the participant from competition.
 - 2.6. The participant will be given a full explanation for the decision to remove them from competition by the Medical Services volunteer and/or Director of Medical Services.
 - 2.7. After the appropriate medical treatment the participant may be permitted to return to competition.
 - 2.8. Should the injured participant be permitted to return, they will be entered back into competition at the next available opportunity if possible.
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