

11. BLEEDING & BLOOD BORNE INFECTIONS

- 11.1 No College shall allow any player to participate in any ACC match or continue to participate in any ACC match for so long as such player is bleeding or has blood on any part of his person or uniform
- 11.2 A player shall immediately on the direction of any officiating Umpire, leave the playing area where such Umpire is of the opinion that the player is bleeding or has blood on any part of his person or uniform. After being directed to leave the arena a player shall not return or take any further part in the match until:
1. Such bleeding has been abated and the injury is securely covered.
 2. Any blood stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced.
 3. Any blood on any part of the player's person has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.
- 11.3 Any player thus directed to leave the field can be replaced immediately in accordance with normal interchange rules.
- 11.4 Each College shall ensure that any bloodied item of uniform or clothing of a player or official is placed as soon as possible in a hygienic sealed container i.e. closed plastic bag and laundered to ensure the removal of all blood.
- 11.5 Each College shall ensure that all towels, wipes, bandages, dressings and other materials used in the treatment of bleeding players shall be placed as soon as possible in a hygienic sealed container and discarded or laundered in such a way as to remove all blood and risk of infection.
- 11.6 It is strongly recommended that all coaches, students and officials participating in body contact sports should be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.