**2024 WAFC JUNIOR FOOTBALL POLICIES RULES & REGULATIONS – Version 1, Section 29: The role of the first aid/medical officer**

**29.1.** **The First Aid / Medical Officer is responsible for the prevention and prompt attention of injuries to players, including (but not limited to);**

**29.1.a.** Ensuring the match is conducted within the Spirit of Junior Football.

**29.1.b**. Ensuring their team has an adequately stocked and well maintained first aid kit prior to any match commencing.

**29.1.c.** Ensuring they familiarise themselves with the location of the stretcher and emergency vehicle access points at the ground, prior to any match commencing.

**29.1.d.** Monitor players during general play with regards to potential or occurrence of injuries.

**29.1.e.** Ensuring the assessment of any injured players promptly and providing initial treatment.

**29.1.f.** Liaise and coordinate with the Opposition Team’s First Aid / Medical Officer to ensure timely and suitable first aid is delivered to all players, regardless of their team.

**29.1.g.** Ensuring any player with a concussion or suspected concussion does not return to play and is aware of the WAFC Concussion Policy.

**29.1.h**. Ensuring that all injuries that occur in games are accurately assessed, recorded and documented.

**29.1.i.** Abiding by the WAFC Code of Conduct at all times.

**29.2.** **Each team is required to supply a First Aid / Medical Officer with appropriate qualifications for each match. The required qualifications are;**

* Recommended: Level 1 Sports Trainer or Level 2 Sports Trainer or Qualified Medical Professional
* Minimum: First Aider or Qualified Medical Professional
* For avoidance of doubt, the above terms have the following meaning;
	+ Level 1 Sports Trainer a person who has completed a Level 1 Sports Trainer Course and first aid certificate (HLTAID011 Provide First Aid) which is current and up to date.
	+ Level 2 Sports Trainer a person who has completed a Level 2 Sports Trainer Course and first aid certificate (HLTAID011 Provide First Aid) which is current and up to date.
	+ Qualified Medical Professional a person who is a qualified doctor, paramedic, physiotherapist, osteopath, chiropractor, registered nurse or firefighter with current Emergency Management Competency and appropriate first aid competencies.
	+ First Aider a person who has obtained a nationally accredited first aid certificate (HLTAID011 Provide First Aid) which is current and up-to-date.

**29.3.** **Should a team fail to provide a qualified First Aid / Medical Officer, then the opposing team’s suitably qualified First Aid / Medical Officer may assume control of injured players for both teams.**

**29.4.** T**he First Aid / Medical Officer shall be clearly identifiable at all games, ensuring they wear the WAFC approved white vest with green cross.**