



Policy Statement - St John Ambulance/First Aid

The Polocrosse Association of Western Australia Inc acknowledges its responsibility and is committed to ensuring all clubs provide first aid services for all members and spectators.

It is a bylaw of the Polocrosse Association of Western Australia Inc that all clubs hosting polocrosse events have a manned St John Ambulance/First Aid on their grounds along with qualified staff whether paid or volunteer.

In the interest of ensuring that Ambulance and First Aid facilities at Polocrosse tournaments are of the highest safety standards, the Polocrosse Association of Western Australia Inc has developed the following guidelines for club members to use when ordering an ambulance for your tournament.

1. It is advisable when ordering an Ambulance to give the officers a brief explanation of the game and the possible risks involved to enable them to bring appropriate equipment to the ground.
2. If at all possible the Ambulance/First Aid facility should be a mobile unit. If this is not possible then a suitable vehicle should be designated to be available at all times to be used to transport a patient in the case of an emergency.
3. All Ambulance/First Aid facilities should be equipped with the following essential equipment:
Portable suction and oxygen equipment
Guedels airways in a range of sizes from child to adult
Airviva/Oxyviva
Laederal two way mask
Soft collars
Canvas and poles or spinal stretcher for transport
Disposable gloves
A selection of bandages, splints, slings, dressings, antiseptics, mild analgesics (eg Panadol), creams, tapes including steristrips, scissors etc
Space blanket
Ice packs
NOTE: Please discuss this list with the officers when ordering the facilities as the equipment is essential for treating an unconscious patient.
4. All Ambulance/First Aid facilities should have effective means of communication, both with their base and the St John's Regular Ambulance Service so that assistance and back up facilities can be easily arranged.
5. In the event of an Ambulance leaving the ground all play is to be suspended until a further Ambulance/First Aid facility is available.



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