



## BLOOD POLICY

Coaches and Umpires will need to be aware of, and implement, the following policy in relation to the safety on the Baseball diamond and the risk of viral transmission.

As a practical guide the following interpretation of diamond safety is to be followed.

- During the game a Club coach or official shall order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, to leave the diamond and cause this player to be substituted.
- Before the player is allowed back into the game the wound should be treated (no further bleeding) and the affected area completely and securely covered.
- If there is blood on the uniform the player should change the uniform immediately. (It will be necessary to carry a spare number uniform for this purpose.) Under no circumstances should a player with wet or dry blood stains on their uniform be allowed continue playing.
- Prohibit a player returning to the court with a blood stained uniform, unless the uniform has **been soaked in the recommended solution for at least five minutes** and thoroughly rinsed off with water.
- Destroy the HIV with a solution of **0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water and applied for five minutes.** (Normal machine washing would kill the virus on pieces of clothing.)
- Blood on the ball - replace the ball.
- Blood spilt on the ground, in dug outs or on benches should be wiped thoroughly with the bleach and detergent solution.
- A "Blood Kit" should be situated with the scorer during games. The Kit should be used only for the purpose of dealing with spilt blood on the floor or benches.

### ***Suggested Contents of Blood Kit:***

- 1 Packet of paper hand towels.
- 1 Packet of disposable latex surgical gloves.
- 1 Packet of medium size re-sealable plastic bags.

- 1 1500 ml Spray Bottle with **0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water.** (Bleach is the key ingredient. Standard household bleach is acceptable, but it must not be used past its use by date.) All scorers should be aware of these guidelines.

Scorers should not in the score book the name of any player subjected to the 'blood rule' or who's uniform was changed or treated due to the spillage of blood.