



American Youth Soccer Organization 2019 National Games, Hawaii'i



MEDICAL / FIRST-AID / EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The National Games 2019 (NG19) has recruited medical professionals from the Red Cross, Kaiser Permanente and other volunteers with medical experience to handle all medical situations and emergencies that may arise during the course of the Games.

The mission of the medical team is to ensure that first aid services are immediately provided and available during NG19. The medical staff will provide appropriate medical supplies; procedures and records to ensure participants receive efficient and quality medical care

General Description of Medical Care: The medical team has designed an efficient, systematic approach to the immediate treatment of acute injuries and conditions, which may occur during the Games. This system does not allow for care or treatment of chronic or pre-existing conditions. ***The participant is responsible for providing any necessary equipment and/or supplies to care or treat any pre-existing conditions.***

Medical services will be limited to first aid, clinical diagnosis if needed and activation of the EMS system. Participants, spectators, and staff may receive this care.

The person receiving care is responsible for any medical expenses that he/she may incur (hospital, ambulance, medication, etc.) while participating in the Games.

Scope of Practice: A victim must give consent to an offer of help before a person trained in first aid begins to provide care. The law assumes that a victim that is unconscious, badly injured, or so ill that he/she cannot respond would give consent. A reasonable attempt will be made to get consent from a parent or guardian of a victim who is a minor or who is mentally or emotionally disturbed. If a parent or guardian is not available, first aid will be administered without consent.

Good Samaritan Laws give legal protection to rescuers who act in good faith and are not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The medical team is providing medical care or general care in the best interest of the participant. The law does not provide a blanket immunity and only applies to emergencies.

Medical Forms (SAI Packet): Soccer Accident Insurance (SAI) packets will be available at Medical HQ and on all roving medical golf carts. An SAI packet will be given to the parent/guardian of ANY person who is treated by the medical team. If the parent/guardian is not present, the packet will be given to the most appropriate adult in the group (team parent, coach, etc.). The SAI packet includes pertinent forms for filing claims, location and directions to nearest hospitals and concussion and participation release forms.

Medical Disqualification: If, in the professional judgment of the NG19 medical team, the participant cannot safely compete, the Safety and Information Directors will be notified immediately. The information Director will notify the coach and Referee Staff of the medical disqualification. The medical team members must clear the participant who has been disqualified for medical reasons before being allowed back into the competition on either the same day or subsequent days following the disqualifying injury. Once cleared by the NG19 medical team, the Safety Director will notify the Information Director who will notify the coach and the Referee Staff.

Medical Appeal: If the participant wishes to appeal the decision of the medical team, the participant must be evaluated and cleared by a medical specialist. The participant must provide appropriate documentation from the specialist to the Safety Director indicating they have been cleared to play.

Dispensing Medications: It is not within the scope of practice of this medical team to dispense over-the-counter or prescription medication during the games.

Care Procedures: In many instances, the referee crew will be the first responder to an incident on the field. They have the responsibility to remove an individual from play they deem not fit to continue play in a manner safe to the player. In the case that the referee suspects a concussion, the player will not be allowed to return until evaluated by the medical team. If the referee removes a player for suspected concussion or serious injury, the referee will write and submit a supplemental match report detailing the incident. The medical team shall provide the evaluation, administer the appropriate care for acute injuries, and complete all necessary paperwork. If the injury/illness requires emergency care, the first responder will initiate and obtain assistance from the EMS system.

Activating Emergency Medical Services (EMS): For serious injuries, the NG19 Safety Director is the primary caller to 9-1-1 dispatch for EMS assistance. Anyone else calling should be prepared to provide the dispatcher with the following information:

- Type of emergency (injury, heart attack, allergic reaction, etc.)
- Age of patient, male or female.
- Location of the emergency: Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park. Address: 93-061 Waipio Point Access Road.

Presence of Blood: If a participant is observed bleeding during the game, the referee shall stop the game and call for medical team assistance allowing a reasonable amount of time for treatment before requesting a substitute. The player shall not continue to play or reenter the game unless the bleeding is controlled and the wound is covered. If there is blood on the uniform, clothing or skin, the individual may not return until all blood has been removed and disinfected from the clothing or skin surfaces.

Game Stoppage for Lightning, Heat and other Environmental Hazard: A safety plan detailing actions in case of lightning, heat or other environmental hazards has been developed. Plan response actions may provide for delaying the start of play, halting or suspending play, shortening the length of games or eliminating overtime periods as may be appropriate to the circumstances.

The referee, with advice and guidance from the Venue Chair or designee, will have the authority to take appropriate action for any game-specific conditions or events, which, in the opinion of the referee, endanger the safety of the players. The Games Organizing Committee or its designee will have the authority to order appropriate action for any site-related conditions or events that endanger the safety of the players.

If thunder is heard or lightning observed, lightning is close enough to be within striking distance, The Games Safety Director will control go/no-go and immediately suspend games in progress and notify all persons to seek shelter immediately. Activities may resume only when the Games Safety Director, with advice and guidance from the Venue Chair or designee, gives the approval.