

# TOURNAMENT RISKS

## *A direct kick to safety*

### MISSION AND CHALLENGE

Provide a healthy, safe and fair competition for all teams participating. Allow everyone the opportunity to participate in the activities, view the competitions and experience the spirit of the tournament.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

#### *The Hosting Organization*

State Association

Member Associations, Clubs, and Leagues

#### *Tournament Officials*

Tournament Director

Tournament Committee

Tournament Staff

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### *Security (Uniform Patrol)*

Protect all players, spectators and participants

Control traffic flow

Monitor parking area for pedestrian safety

#### *Grounds and Equipment*

Soccer Goals-inspect and anchor

1. Inspect construction/sharp corners
2. Inspect net installation-no metal ties
3. Goals anchored securely
4. Secure/anchor goals not in use

Fields

1. Inspect for foreign objects
2. Check for pot holes, hills/ruts
3. Sprinkler heads seated and properly covered
4. Restraining line 3' from touch line for spectators

Inspect bleachers and seating

Portable tents securely anchored

Vendors-inspect facilities/equipment

Secure the maintenance facility & equipment for safety precautions

Adequate restroom facilities

Beware of the “Attractive Nuisance”

### ***Transportation***

Vehicle operators properly authorized and licensed

Golf Carts—require seating for all passengers

### **No standing on carts while moving!**

### ***Severe Weather***

Monitor weather alert radio and lightning detector

Provide emergency signal device to assist with evacuation of complex

Instruct coaches on evacuation procedures

### ***Medical***

Tournaments will provide paramedical facilities and qualified medical personnel shall be present at all playing sites during competition.

#### **Trainers and medical personnel shall meet the following criteria:**

- Be trained and equipped to treat trauma and perform CPR
- Provide emergency first aid
- Recognize and treat sport related injuries
- Maintain communications with tournament HQ and EMS services
- Medics identifiable (badge/clothing)
- Provide written directions to local medical facilities or hospitals
- Provide written report to tournament director for each transported patient

### **REFEREE**

Certified Referee Assignor

Recommend Referee Assessors

Certified USSF Referees

Referee skills = match competition

### **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Adequate tournament staffing

Committee / Staff identification

Communications for staff

Recognizable Headquarters

### **GOAL.....**

Most tournament risks can be avoided by developing a Tournament Risk Management Program, that will substantially reduce or eliminate the likelihood of emergencies.

### **SEE YA ON THE PITCH!**

In the event of a tournament emergency or any critical situation, we hope the information presented today will assist you in minimizing the risk and maximizing your tournament's SUCCESS.