

# Unit OF8 Contribute to the health and safety of competitors and others during competition

## Introduction

### Summary

Keeping a close eye on competition and identifying hazards and risks to the competitors is an important role for officials. When hazards do arise, it is important for the official to be able to intervene to deal with the hazard and maintain competitors' health and safety. Helping to maintain the health and safety of other officials will also be important.

The unit is divided into two parts. The first part (pages 2 – 3) describes the two things you have to do. These are:

- OF8.1 Identify and assess risks during competition**
- OF8.2 Follow procedures to manage risks during competition**
- OF8.3 Respond to incidents and emergencies**

The second part covers the knowledge and understanding you must have.

### Target Group

This unit is for officials in a variety of sports and officiating roles at the higher levels in their sport/activity (usually at national level).

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## OF8.1

### Identify and assess risks during competition

#### The National Standard

##### What you must do

*To meet the national standard, you must:*

1. identify your organisation's health and safety requirements for competition
2. directly monitor competition in line with your organisation's requirements
3. be alert to information from other officials concerning possible risks
4. identify **hazards** to **other people** when they occur
5. assess the risks presented by these **hazards**

##### What you must cover

*This element covers the following types of:*

###### **a hazards**

- 1 to competitors
- 2 to co-officials
- 3 to self

###### **b other people**

- 1 co-officials
- 2 competitors
- 3 competitor representatives
- 4 spectators

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## OF8.2

### Follow procedures to manage risk during competition

#### The National Standard

##### What you must do

To meet the national standard, you must:

1. determine whether the level of **risk** is acceptable according to your organisation's policies and procedures
2. if the level of **risk** is acceptable, allow competition to continue but be alert to any increased risks
3. if the level of **risk** is unacceptable, follow your organisation's procedures to manage the risk
4. where necessary, explain the reasons for your actions to **other people**
5. maintain a record of the situation and any actions according to organisational procedures

##### What you must cover

This element covers the following types of:

###### a risk

- 1 to competitors
- 2 to co-officials
- 3 to self

###### b other people

- 1 co-officials
- 2 competitors
- 3 competitor representatives
- 4 spectators

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## OF8.3

### Respond to incidents and emergencies

#### The National Standard

##### What you must do

To meet the national standard, you must:

1. carry out your own responsibilities within an agreed emergency action plan
2. identify **incidents and emergencies**
3. provide information and support to others as required
4. record and report incidents and emergencies according to organisational and legal requirements
5. work with others to evaluate potential hazards, **incidents and emergencies** and find ways to improve health and safety procedures

##### What you must cover

This element covers the following types of:

- a incidents and emergencies**
  - 1 involving individuals
  - 2 involving groups
  - 3 involving large numbers of people

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## What you must know and understand

*To be competent in this unit, you must know and understand the following*

- K1 Basic requirements of relevant health and safety legislation and their implications for your role as an official
- K2 The requirements of your organisation in relation to health and safety during competition
- K3 The principles of the duty of care in regard to competitors, co-officials and yourself
- K4 The relevant normal and emergency operating procedures for the facilities where you officiate
- K5 The importance and principles of risk assessment
- K6 The types of hazards that are common during competition and how to identify these
- K7 How to carry out basic risk assessments of the types of hazards you are likely to come across during competition
- K8 Who else will be alerting you to possible hazards and risks during competition and their role
- K9 Why you may need to consult with other people on issues to do with health and safety during competition
- K10 How to determine whether the level of risk is acceptable according to your organisations policies and procedures
- K11 Why it is important to allow competition to continue if you judge the level of risk is acceptable
- K12 How to promote safety to those involved in competition and why this is important
- K13 The types of incidents and emergencies that you need to be able to deal with
- K14 Your responsibilities when these incidents and emergencies occur
- K15 What types of information you may need to convey to others and how to do this
- K16 Relevant records and reports