

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In common with most businesses and organisations, whether voluntary, charitable or leisure & sporting, organisations such as the GYDTTL are obliged to adopt an appropriate Health & Safety policy.

The League is responsible for reporting all incidents, however minor seeming, to the League's Insurers as part of the terms of its policy. The following gives guidance to members and advises them of the procedures to be followed in the event of an incident.

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Any incident of a Health & Safety nature should in the first instance be reported to the appropriate management member of staff of the venue concerned, to enable them to record it in their own accident book.

In the event of such an incident, members should then contact the League General Secretary as soon as possible so that an appropriate entry can be made in the League's accident book and also, any other additional but necessary actions can be taken.

Some safety guidance for members -

All members of teams have a responsibility to ensure that all their playing equipment is safe for use & any defects likely to affect safe play are remedied before being used. This applies equally to the playing area.

Any members who have a medical history e.g. heart or back problems should, if possible, avoid lifting and moving heavy objects such as tables, especially those without wheels.

Where heavy objects are lifted, members should be mindful of correct, safe lifting procedure, i.e. keeping a straight back.

When setting up a table, members should be extra vigilant to ensure that fingers/hands do not become trapped in any way e.g. between two halves or in folding mechanisms.

Any obstacles which may pose a danger to those engaged in match play should be moved to a safe location.

Where a venue is used by several teams, care should be exercised to ensure that when more than one match is taking place, there is adequate space for these to be played in safety without any risk of collision with object or person.

Care should be taken to ensure that players are not in danger of slipping during play and, similarly, individual players should ensure that footwear worn for matches is suitable for safe play.

Under no circumstances should bats, or indeed, any item, be thrown.

Finally, it is emphasised that all members have a duty to behave in a responsible manner to ensure as much as is possible, their own safety and the safety of others.