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# 15 MOST COMMON WAYS SPORTS VOLUNTEERS CAN BE SUED!

Don't Be Negligent In These Areas.

#### **Spectator Injury:**

- **1.** Slip/trip/fall around playing field due to hazards such as holes, slippery surfaces, or uneven surfaces.
- 2. Slip/trip/fall off of bleachers.
- **3.** Contact with ball caused by lack of barriers or defective barriers. Also, caused by improper positioning of players during warm ups.

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### **Participant Injury:**

- **4.** Failure of supervisor to stop participant rowdiness.
- **5.** Failure of supervisor to be located closely enough to activities in order to prevent injuries.
- **6.** Improper ratio of supervisors to participants.
- **7.** Supervisor incompetence or lack of training (certification) that results in participant injury.
- **8.** Improper instruction of participants on sport specific techniques and skills, game rules, and safety rules.
- **9.** Improper layout and design of the playing facility.
- **10.** Lack of facility maintenance and repair that leads to injuries caused by holes, depressions, or slippery spots.





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- **11.** Improper decision to play under inclement weather conditions.
- **12.** Lack of emergency planning and coordination with local medical care providers and ambulance services.
- **13.** Failure to select, properly fit, and inspect quality equipment that is to be used for its intended purpose as prescribed by the manufacturer.
- **14.** Failure to engage in pre-participation screening for medical risks.
- **15.** Failure to warn participants/parents of the dangers inherent in sports participation (Waiver/Release Form).

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We have developed a document entitled "Risk Management Program For Sports Organizations" that your sports organization can implement to protect against many of these risks. The FREE program can be found at <a href="https://www.sadlersports.com">www.sadlersports.com</a>.

You can literally adopt our program "off the shelf" with a minimum of customization. Our program is COMPLETELY FREE and is only 15 pages long and keys in on the most basic elements, that if fully implemented, will have the biggest impact on safety.

We urge you in the strongest possible terms to implement this program or a similar program. Your kids and volunteers are counting on you to make the right decision.

#### Warm Regards,

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