



2018 Risk Management Guidelines

Your Quick Reference Guide to Changes



Edits in the 2018 Risk Management Guidelines are clarifications, not changes, to the requirements for Risk Management. This change document outlines the areas in which the current guidelines differ from previous releases in terms of verbiage and content.

WORDING CHANGES	
Removed the term SAFETY ZONE/LANE	The term SAFETY ZONE/LANE has been dropped to further clarify all areas deemed required for safe gameplay. In order to create consistency, all distance measurements are now referenced either to the INNER TRACK LINE (ITL) or the OUTER TRACK LINE (OTL).
Added the term MINOR	Since there is no international standard for “Minors”, the term MINOR is used to distinguish people who have not reached the legal age of adulthood, as defined by the laws where they are participating. Those falling under this distinction are only permitted in Zone F.
Added the term PARTICIPANT	Added to define a group of people that have signed the event waiver. This includes but is not limited to skaters, officials, announcers, volunteers and medical staff. Not to be confused with the term SPECTATOR (used to describe fans and attendees).
Differentiated between the terms SKATING SURFACE and COMPETITION SURFACE	SKATING SURFACE includes all areas where skating may take place. COMPETITION SURFACE is all areas where the actual competition or “game” takes place. They are designated separately, as there are unique guidelines for each.



TRACK CLARIFICATIONS	
Added ZONES and ZONE LETTER DESIGNATIONS	ZONES help visualize the track layout by using a letter to designate a region or purpose. They also help simplify the graphics.
All DISTANCE MEASUREMENTS	References distance either to the inner track line or the outer track line. Changed for clarity and consistency. See also SAFETY ZONE.
Added that floor surface in ZONE D must be continuous. Sport Court can end at the OTL except in front of team and penalty boxes which is considered Zone D space as well.	This was added for clarification, as it was a question that came up repeatedly. (The actual line can be found under 2.3: “No discontinuities or abrupt changes in the floor may be present on the INFIELD and COMPETITION SURFACE (Zones A, B, C, D)”.)

ADDED SECTIONS	
Added MEDICAL STAFF SEATING as section	Medical staff require an unimpeded view of and clear access to the entire track.
Added section BARRIERS	The question of what is an “acceptable” barrier comes up very often. Pulling all the requirements (with the definitions) under one heading helps to clarify. The term “approved barrier” is no longer used. It is now simply referred to as BARRIER — if it meets all the requirements under the Barrier section. If it doesn't, it's not a barrier but a “structure or other object,” and thus may not be closer than 15' from the OTL.

Remember: The Risk Management Guidelines contain the minimum requirements. Leagues may add additional restrictions as they deem necessary for the safety of participants and spectators.