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Australian Powerchair Football Association Risk Management Policy

The Australian Powerchair Football Association's (APFA) mission is to provide access in Australia to powerchair football - a fast, action-packed and inclusive version of football (soccer) for people in power wheelchairs. By creating opportunities to participate, we empower athletes to progress from local competitions all the way to the international stage.

APFA acknowledges that risks are inherent in some aspects of powerchair football. APFA also acknowledges that it faces a variety of other risks related to the pursuit and delivery of its strategy and day-to-day operations. For these reasons, APFA understands the importance of a structured and systematised approach to the identification and management of risks.

APFA is committed to managing and minimising risk by identifying, analysing, evaluating and treating risks to ensure APFA has the best prospects for achieving its strategic objectives and maintaining effective and efficient operations for the benefit of its players, supporters and the broader community.

APFA will regularly monitor, review and report on the effectiveness of its approach to risk management and aims to develop and maintain a risk aware culture. It will do this by adhering to the principles reflected in *ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management – Guidelines* as follows:

- Risk management activities are integral to APFA and will be **integrated** across all APFA areas and activities;
- APFA will ensure a **structured and comprehensive** approach to risk management;
- APFA's approach to risk management will be **customised** and appropriate for the nature and scale of our organisation and the risks it faces;
- APFA will be **inclusive** of relevant stakeholders to improve risk awareness and better inform its risk management efforts;
- APFA will be **dynamic** in anticipating, detecting, acknowledging and responding to changing circumstances, events and the risk landscape;
- APFA's risk management efforts shall utilise the **best available information** and inputs, spanning historical, current and predictive information from all relevant and available stakeholders;
- APFA acknowledges that **human and cultural factors** influence all aspects of risk management and will promote a risk aware culture; and
- APFA will strive for **continuous improvement** in its risk management performance.

APFA directors and officers recognise and acknowledge their responsibilities for effective risk management. These include providing leadership and direction, allocating appropriate resources, monitoring and responding to information as it becomes available and encouraging a culture where speaking up and raising concerns is encouraged.