

SPORTS INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME

Registration

- All sports clubs are required to be registered with their National Sports Body and Government (MESC).
- All Sports people must be registered with their respective sports clubs, information on birthday, employment (employer) and wages must all be included.
- A registration fee of \$1 per athlete is to be paid by clubs to MESC yearly. This amount will be reviewed every year by MESC.

Compensation

- (i) For payment of medical treatment of injured person
- (ii) For payment of hospitalization of individual. However, there will be a limit to this assistance
- (iii) For reimbursement of wages lost because of injury.

Details

- 0 Full assistance will be provided for an injured person who although may not as yet qualify for sick leave, may still be awarded full sick pay when it is appropriate.
- 0 Should the person still have available, sick leave days, then the assistance provided will be reduced accordingly.
- 0 Or, if the injured person is unemployed the award will be limited to \$25 until the day of release from the hospital.

The amount can be reviewed by the MESC as they see appropriate.

Sports Teams Competing Overseas

- 0 Because of the high cost involved for compensating of injured players competing overseas, (doesn't cover overseas participation) Therefore
- 0 Sports Bodies are responsible for insuring their athletes before they leave for overseas competition
- 0 Overseas participation will not be covered under the scheme
- (a) All players representing the country in International Sports Events overseas must be ensured for injuries caused as a result of the event, including medical treatment, hospitalization, transportation etc

Criteria for Eligibility

1. The athlete has to be registered under the scheme before the injury
2. The athlete has to be injured by playing in a National Sports Championships or any other recognized Sports Competition endorsed by SASNOC/Government
3. A Medical report should be provided and the Scheme Application Form filled out.
4. Reports from Fofu Samoa or Taulasea will not be accepted.
5. The injured athlete will be given 2 weeks from date of injury to inform the Ministry
6. The athlete needs to put in claim within 6 months of getting injured. Cannot claim after 6 months, or in special cases final approval will be given to Ministry
7. Payments will be made to the injured person not Club or Sporting Body
8. In some instances, unless treatment isn't available here and also based on doctors recommendation (AND approval by cabinet) will the injured person be allowed to seek treatment overseas
9. If the player is re-injured or sustains new injuries during the resting period as advised by a doctor then further treatments will not be covered under the Scheme.
10. The athlete will also not be eligible under the scheme if he/she was injured during a fight on the field.
11. The athlete will be covered under the scheme for one calendar year.