Activity scope
This document relates to student participation in Team Handball as a curriculum activity.

Special considerations
This guideline is titled ‘Team Handball’ to distinguish it from the British game similar to squash, and from the game which is played with a tennis ball by many Queensland students. At Olympic level the sport is termed ‘Handball’.

Minimum activity-specific qualifications
- For a registered teacher:
  - Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program Team Handball Coaching qualification, OR
  - National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) Level One Handball Coaching qualification, OR
  - Competence (demonstrated ability/experience) in the teaching of team handball, OR
- For a leader other than a registered teacher:
  - Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program Team Handball Coaching qualification, OR
  - NCAS Level One Handball Coaching qualification.

Minimum activity-specific equipment/facilities
- Two metre clearance surrounding each court.
- Where minimum boundary clearance is not met, some suggested alternate controls are:
  - reduce the size of the playing field to achieve an adequate clearance zone
  - remove spectators/dangerous obstacles within the clearance zone
  - provide instruction to the officials/supervisors and players about the limited clearance zone
  - station supervisors near any obstacles within the clearance zone.
- Boundary markers made of non-injurious material.
  - Note: male goalkeepers should wear a protector.
  - Note: mouthguards and other body padding should be considered for full contact games.
  - Appropriate footwear for the playing surface.

Activity-specific hazards/risks and suggested control measures
- Ensure the surface is flat, with team handball goals or similar goals (hockey goals may be used). The surface may be concrete, wood, grass, vinyl or similar.
- Ensure indoor facilities have adequate lighting and ventilation. The lights should be protected.
- Ensure goalkeepers defend their goal against one ball only at a time during skills practice.
- Ensure activities are sufficiently spaced to prevent any equipment entering another playing area.
- Ensure equipment, including goal nets, is checked for damage before play commences and removed from use where necessary.
- Ensure balls used are of regulation size.
- Ensure goals are stable and firmly fixed.
- Enforce the rules regarding physical contact to prevent rough play.
- Guidelines/codes of practice are established for this activity. Refer to Handball Australia and Queensland Handball.
Useful activity-specific links

- Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program

- Handball Australia

- Queensland Handball
  http://www.qldhandball.org.au/

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