

Risk Warning

(Under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)

On Behalf of IPSHA (NSW Branch) and participating IPSHA Member Schools

Sporting Activities 2026

The Independent Primary Schools Heads Association (IPSHA) NSW Branch and its members' schools organise many individual and team sporting activities during the course of a year. Students participating in these sporting activities take part in practice and in competitions.

IPSHA (NSW Branch) and its members' schools expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

IPSHA (NSW Branch) and its members' schools also expect parents, spectators and other participants to behave in a safe and responsible manner, to comply with the IPSHA Code of Conduct and to set a good example for the students.

While IPSHA (NSW Branch) and its members' schools take measures to make the sporting activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events. Parents, spectators and officials could also be injured or suffer loss.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching the sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.