The PE Classroom

Key Terms - Reducing the Risk of Sports Injuries & Dealing with Common Medical Conditions

TA1 - Different Factors which Influence the Risk & Severity of Injury

Arousal - A physical and mental state of alertness.

Confidence - A feeling of trust in a person or thing.

*Aggression - A deliberate intent to injure or harm another person.

Direct Aggression - Involves physical contact with another person.

Channelled Aggression - Feelings of aggression is diverted into a

more positive controlled reaction.

Anxiety - A feeling of unease, worry or fear.

Motivation - A reason for behaving in a particular way.

Mental Rehearsal - Imagining performance before it takes place.

Extrinsic Factors - Outside of the performers control.

Intrinsic Factors - Within the performers control.

Selective Attention - Being able to block out irrelevant information.

TA2 - Warm Up & Cool Down Routines

Pulse Raising - Slow exercise that gradually increases the heart rate and body temperature.

Mobility - Exercises that can take joints through their full range of movement.

Dynamic Stretching - Stretching whilst moving.

Skill Rehearsal Phase-Rehearsal of a skill before a match/game.

Physiological Benefits - A positive effect of exercise on the body.

Psychological Benefits - A positive effect of exercise on the mind/emotional state.

Pliability - The ability to bend easily.

Delayed Onset of Muscle Soreness (DOMS) - Delayed onset of muscle soreness.

This occurs 24-72 hours after strenuous activity.

Aerobic Exercise - Exercising at a moderate intensity, allowing the body to utilise oxygen for energy production.

Anaerobic Exercise - Exercising at a high intensity, not allowing the use of oxygen for energy production.

Lactic Acid - A toxic acid produced in muscles during anaerobic exercise. Causes muscle cramps.



Acute - Injuries that occur from a sudden trauma and usually cause considerable pain.

Fracture - A crack or break to a bone.

Stress Fracture - Tiny cracks in a bone caused my repetitive force.

Dislocation - Injury or disability caused when the normal position of a joint is disturbed.

Sprain - Ligament damage .

Strain - Muscle pull or tear.

Chronic Injuries - Known as 'overuse' injuries.

They develop over a long period of time and are usually a result of repetitive action.

Epicondylitis - A painful condition that occurs when tendons are overloaded.

Tendonitis - Inflamed tendons at the achilles.

TA4 - Reducing Risk, Treatment & Rehabilitation of Sports Injuries & Medical Conditions

PRICE - Used to treat minor injuries. (Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation).

SALTAPS - An on-field assessment routine carried out once an injury has occurred (See Ask Look Touch Active Passive Strength).

EAP - Emergency Action Plan. Carried out as a response to an injury.

DRABC - The process to follow when a casualty appears to be unconscious. (Danger Response Airways Breathing Circulation).

Electrotherapy - Electrical impulses sent through the skin to reduce pain.

Hydrotherapy - The use of water in the treatment of various conditions.

Cryotherapy - The use of extreme cold to remove abdominal tissue.

Contrast Therapy - The injured area is subjected to both heat and cold therapy.

TA5 - Causes, Symptoms & Treatment of Medical Conditions

SCA - Sudden Cardiac Arrest. A genetic disorder which can cause an electrical fault in the heart.

Epilepsy - A neurological disorder in which a person has recurrent seizures.

Asthma - A chronic respiratory disease affecting airways transporting air to and from the lungs.

Diabetes - A disease in which blood glucose levels are too high.

Hyperglycaemia - When people with diabetes have too much sugar in their blood.

Hypoglycaemia - When the blood sugar levels go too low.

Hypothermia - When the body temperature drops
below 35 degrees.

Heat exhaustion - When the body is above 38 degrees.

