

**Hepatitis B vaccinations**

ACT Boxing strongly recommends that all boxers, coaches and officials have a vaccination to protect them from Hepatitis B, which is a blood-borne virus.

**Blood-borne diseases**

Coaches must wear disposable latex or vinyl gloves when working a corner. These gloves are always available ringside. Referees always wear disposable gloves when officiating.

All gloves and head-guards issued by gloving stewards at ACT tournaments are cleaned after each bout with a bleach-based solution to destroy Hepatitis and HIV viruses.

Judges and other officials must not have any exposed items of food or drink at ringside, as there is a risk of a droplet of blood finding its way from the ring into the food or drink. Water or soft drinks being used ringside must be in a container with a closed lid, such as a screw-top bottle.

Boxing Australia's policy on blood-borne diseases does NOT require a person to declare their HIV or Hepatitis serology status. We rely on sensible hygiene precautions and Hep B vaccination to minimise the risk of infection

**Meningococcal disease**

Not sharing water bottles, towels, equipment and clothing is a common-sense precaution for meningococcal and other infectious diseases.

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