

## Hazards for Discus

	<b>Who/how affected</b>	<b>Control Assessment</b>
<b>Circle</b>	Athletes- injury from slipping due to defective surface or materials in the circle, stepping on defective metal rim of circle	1) Inspect circle regularly to ensure it is level 2) Ensure that the circle is free of dirt, grit and standing water during competition (sweep if necessary) 3) ensure that measuring tapes do not encroach onto the circle <b>Control measure responsibilities:</b> <b>1, 2 Technical manager, officials</b> <b>3 Officials</b>
<b>Cage</b>	Athletes, Officials, Spectators Implement escaping due to poorly maintained or improperly set up cage	1) Inspect cage regularly for damage to net structure 2) Secure netting at ground level as appropriate 3) If throwing from a circle within a hammer cage ensure the gates are secured in the open position 4) Secure or ballast netting at ground level as appropriate 5) Ensure all officials and athletes maintain a safe distance <b>Control measure responsibilities</b> <b>1,2,3,4,5, Technical Manager, officials</b>
<b>Landing area</b>	Officials- injury from uneven surface of landing area	1) Inspect landing area before competition 2) Ensure holes in the landing sector from implements landing during the competition are filled when they occur <b>Control measure responsibilities</b> <b>1 Technical Manager, officials</b> <b>2 Officials</b>
<b>Implements- discus</b>	Athletes, Officials- injury from handling defective discus	1) Check disci before the event and each throw to ensure they conform to the relevant rules, are not damaged in such a way as to cause injury and are adequately maintained. 2) Ensure holes in the sector are filled level with the ground to avoid damage to disci <b>Control measure responsibilities</b> <b>1 Technical manager, officials</b> <b>2 Officials</b>
<b>Light Conditions</b>	Athletes, officials- injury from not being able to see event area layout, objects, or other dangers	1) ensure adequate lighting for meetings in hours of twilight or darkness. <b>Control measure responsibilities</b> <b>1- Ground staff, Technical Manager, Officials</b>
<b>Weather</b>	Athletes, officials- injury from slipping on wet surface. Injury from poor control of wet implements Effects of sun/heat/cold	1) Ensure circle surface and drains are cleaned regularly to allow drainage 2) Sweep circle during competition to remove any excess water, grit or debris 3) Provide mats for wiping shoes in wet weather 4) Provide towels to wipe implements 5) Provision of shelter from elements, sunscreen, water <b>Control measure responsibilities</b> <b>1 ground staff</b> <b>2 Officials</b> <b>3 Technical Manager, officials</b> <b>4, 5 Athletes, Technical manager, officials</b>
<b>Warm-up/Competition</b>	Athletes/officials- injury from being hit by implement	1) Ensure the central throwing area is coned and access is controlled during warm-up and competition 2) Supervise all warm-up and competition throws 3) Ensure each athlete throws in correct order and from circle only. 4) Once competition has started implements not to be used for practice purposes <b>Control measure responsibilities</b> <b>1- Ground staff, Technical Manager, Officials</b> <b>2- Officials</b> <b>3,4 Officials, athletes.</b>

### **Additional points for discus**

- 1) All officials, volunteers, media personnel and athletes in and near the competition area must be aware of the need for concentration at all times
- 2) Practice throws are to be supervised by officials and in competition order
- 3) Practice throws are not allowed outside the circle
- 4) Only officials allowed forward of the circle
- 5) Officials forward of the circle should stand outside the sector lines and face the circle or thrower
- 6) Implements to be returned by carrying only.
- 7) "Danger Throwing in progress" signage and roping off of throwing areas to be in place at all times

### **Additional points for all field events**

- 1) If the weather conditions make continuing the competition hazardous (wind, rain, lightning, lack of light) competition should cease until conditions become safe again.**
- 2) Ensure officials, athletes and any other persons present in the competition area are aware of safety requirements for the event.**
- 3) Anyone who refuses to comply with safety requirements should be removed from the competition area.**