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Aussie sport safety courses shaping Singapore

Australian sport safety courses are to be delivered to Singapore following the recent agreement between Sports Medicine Australia ACT Branch (SMA ACT) and Alliance Sports Pte. Ltd.

This initiative will see Canberra based sports medicine professionals provide training to sports medicine professionals in Singapore.

Alliance Sports Pte. Ltd, a Sports Physiotherapy clinic located in central Singapore, will host the training courses, with each participant being trained to deliver Sports Medicine Australia (SMA) courses to Australian standards.

The SMA Level 1 Sports Trainers course will increase the number of trained volunteers within Singapore and provide them with the ability to implement appropriate safety measures, before, during and after competition. Participants will also be taught how to prevent sport injuries, administer sports taping, provide nutrition advice and coordinate injury transportation and injury management.

SMA ACT President Peter Garbutt said Sports Medicine Australia is delighted to be sharing their sports safety knowledge.

“Australia is one of the leading countries in terms of providing a safe playing environment for all involved with sport and a key component of this is suitably trained personnel,” said Mr Garbutt.

“SMA has more than 25 years experience in delivering quality training to the sporting industry ranging from primary care for grassroots sports to sports trainers involved in elite sport.

“This initiative will allow us to share one of Australia’s strengths, that is sports safety, with others on a global scale and in turn we hope this plays a part in making all community members more active,” said Mr Garbutt.

SMA CEO, Nello Marino said these types of sports safety courses are extremely valuable for everyone in sport.

“A sports trainer’s role within sport is crucial. Having properly trained safety personnel on the sidelines is a key part of providing a safe environment, to prevent injuries, and limit the impact of injuries on players and their clubs,” said Mr. Marino.

“The emphasis on sports safety is becoming more and more evident, which is highlighted by our newly formed relationship with the Singapore sports community, and hopefully this is just the beginning, with many other countries following in their footsteps,” said Mr. Marino.

Director of Alliance Sports Pte. Ltd, Linda Kwek said she was looking forward to the partnership.

“Alliance Sports is thankful to have this opportunity to venture into a close working relationship with SMA in the delivery of SMA courses in Singapore,” Kwek said. “Availability of these courses in Singapore will help expand the knowledge necessary for sports related service provision in Singapore and we’re proud and privileged to be the course provider here.

“It is an important milestone for our organisation and our staff who will be involved in this partnership.”

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