

PART A: REPORTING OF CONCUSSIONS

In accordance with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Concussion Guideline's and in the event a player has sustained a suspected concussion during play the following procedures will take place.

1. APPLICATION

- a) Two-day preliminary round matches;
- b) Limited-Overs matches;
- c) Finals Series matches (Premier Cricket and Shires competitions);
- d) Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup matches;
- e) Poidevin-Gray Shield competition matches;
- f) AW Green Shield competition matches;
- g) Other - where concussion is diagnosed by a medical professional during the course of a match, including training sessions (subject to the prior approval of the SCA).

2. INTRODUCTION

In the event a head trauma occurs, or the umpires suspect that a participant may have been concussed during play, a Suspected Concussion Report Form will be completed by the umpires and submitted to competition management.

3. PROCESS

- a) The umpires will complete a Suspected Concussion Report Form at the end of the day's play and submit to competition management.
- b) On receipt of the report, competition management will advise both the participant and their club/association that it has been reported that a suspected concussion injury has occurred.
- c) The participant and their club/association will be advised that they are required to seek medical attention from a qualified medical doctor within 48 hours of receiving this notice.
- d) The participant will be required to receive a clearance to return to play from the qualified medical doctor and submit this to competition management prior to their next scheduled day's play.
- e) If a clearance to return to play is not received by competition management the participant will not be permitted to return to cricket for a minimum of 21 days from the time of concussion.
- f) If a player participates in a match within the minimum 21 day stand down period without receiving a clearance to return to play, the player will be deemed as an Ineligible Player as per the competition playing conditions.

4. OBJECTIVE

This policy's objective is to ensure that the SCA continues to pursue best practice in prevention and management of concussion injuries and head trauma arising while participating in organised cricket competitions.

It is recommended that a Participant should not return to cricket on the same day if the diagnosis of concussion is suspected, likely or established.

If a Participant has been diagnosed with a concussion, the final determination on whether the Participant may return to cricket, should be made by a qualified medical doctor.

Any player returning to skills training should do so only after consulting a qualified medical doctor

5. **DEFINITIONS**

Participants: All Players and Umpires

Head Trauma: A blow to the head or neck (either bare or while wearing protective equipment), whether by ball or otherwise.

PART B: CONCUSSION SUBSTITUTE

1. **APPLICATION**

- a) Two-day preliminary round matches;
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- e) Poidevin-Gray Shield competition matches;
- f) AW Green Shield competition matches;
- g) Other - where concussion is diagnosed by a medical professional during the course of a match, including training sessions (subject to the prior approval of the SCA).

2. **INTRODUCTION**

In the event a head trauma occurs, or the umpires suspect that a player may be concussed, a replacement player is allowed for the remainder of the match.

3. **PROCESS**

The replacement player shall be a similar type of player (best endeavours) who may immediately participate in the match as a complete replacement player for the Concussed Player.

The Concussion Substitute is permitted to bat, bowl, keep wicket or field as though he/she was a member of the starting 11.

The team captain or a club official shall seek the prior approval of the umpires, who shall not unreasonably refuse a request. The umpires need only be reasonably satisfied that a head trauma occurred during the match.

The umpires shall then inform the captain of the opposing team.

Once replaced by a Concussion Substitute, a Concussed Player may take no further part in the match concerned

4. **OBJECTIVE**

This policy's objective is to permit the replacement of a player who is suspected of suffering from head trauma or concussion.

The opposing team shall not be unfairly disadvantaged by a team's choice of replacement player.

A team shall take reasonable steps to replace a concussed player with a similar type of player; however, the status of the match may permit other types of replacements, for example –

- A batter may be replaced by a bowler provided that the team will no longer bowl in the match;
- A batter may be replaced by a bowler subject to the captain's undertaking that the replacement will not bowl in the match;
- A bowler may be replaced by a batter provided that the team will no longer bat in the match or the bowler has been dismissed;