



CNW Rules Handbook – Senior Competitions 2024/25

Concussion Procedure

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APPLICATION:

This Concussion Procedure shall apply to all matches.

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.

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 they were 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.

OBJECTIVE

This procedure'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, with the decision on the appropriateness of the Concussion Substitute being determined by the umpires.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND PROTOCOLS

Further information and guidance are included in "Cricket Australia: Community Cricket Concussion and Head Trauma Guidelines (20.11.2023)". These guidelines are with immediate effect adopted by Cricket North West and replace the text included in APPENDIX K of the 2024/25 CNW Senior Rules Handbook.