



# CONCUSSION SUBSTITUTE POLICY

2023/24

## 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 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 batsman may be replaced by a bowler provided that the team will no longer bowl in the match;
  - A batsman 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 batsman provided that the team will no longer bat in the match or the bowler has been dismissed;
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