

## **AIHA Concussion Protocol**

If during a game, play must be stopped as a result of a player sustaining blow to head or other impact that causes concern for head or neck injury, then that player may not return to the rest of the game. Game officials must record the player's name and number on the game sheet, noting that the player left the game as result of blow to head or other impact that caused concern for head or neck injury. The game referee(s) must report the incident to the Referee-in-Chief, who shall relay the report to the relevant AIHA director(s). The relevant league director must contact the manager of the team of the player in question to advise that the player (or the player's parents/guardians if U18) must produce a medical clearance before returning to any AIHA or NZIHF training or competition.

If during a game, a player's coach or manager observe concussion-like symptoms (e.g., dazed, dizziness, loss of balance, vomiting, etc.), they must ensure the player does not return to play and they must report the injury to game officials (to be recorded on the game sheet and then reported to AIHA authorities).

If a player sustains a blow to the head or other impact that causes concern for head or neck injury during any AIHA training, the coach(s) must remove the player from the training. If U18, the coach(s) must notify the relevant league director. The league director must advise and player's parents/guardians of the AIHA concussion protocol. The injured the player's parents/guardians must produce a medical clearance before returning to any AIHA or NZIHF training or competition. If over 18, the coach(s) must notify the relevant league director. The league director must advise and player's parents/guardians of the AIHA concussion protocol. The injured the player (or the player's parents/guardians if U18) must produce a medical clearance before returning to any AIHA or NZIHF training or competition.