



## Quidditch Australia Concussion and Injury Policy

1. In all cases where concussion is not suspected or likely, injured players should decide for themselves, if of age, whether to play; although all players are encouraged to act with caution regarding their own health and safety.
2. All players should be recommended to a qualified first aider if an injury is suspected, but cannot be forced into any action, provided that player is of legal age.
3. If a concussion is suspected, the player should be removed from the activity in which they were injured immediately, and assessed by:
  - A. a professional first aid person (ie Sports Medicine Australia), if present; or
  - B. another first aid qualified individual (with reference to the Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool), for example a dedicated tournament first aider
4. If concussion symptoms are present, the player should be referred to a medical doctor or escorted immediately to the emergency department of the nearest hospital, as deemed necessary by the assessor. A first-aider is not sufficient once a concussion has been assessed as likely or concussion symptoms are present.
  - A. If concussion symptoms are not present but the player's condition deteriorates, or a player exhibits any of the symptoms listed as 'Red Flags' on the Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool, the player should be referred to a medical doctor or escorted immediately to the emergency department of the nearest hospital, as deemed necessary by the assessor. A first-aider is not sufficient once these symptoms are present.
5. Any player reasonably suspected of a concussion, who is exhibiting concussion symptoms, or has been professionally assessed as having a concussion shall not be allowed to take the field, act on the field as a referee, or represent their team as speaking captain.
  - A. This ban shall lift upon the presentation of a doctor's certificate specifically stating that they are fit for contact sport. This certificate may be shown to any member of Quidditch Australia or tournament leaders as appropriate.
6. Players with concussion symptoms should not be left alone and should not be allowed to operate a vehicle.
  - A. Concussed players will be cared for by Quidditch Australia as appropriate and reasonable with regard to the above.