

PLAYER CONCUSSION SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS

The Management Committee of QSDCA has further discussed the matter of Head Trauma that can occur in a cricket match played by players under the name of your club. As always, the key issue in a match is the safety of all players. There are many player safety policies such as the "lightning occurring during a match policy which relate to safety.

The **AUSTRALIAN CRICKET COMMUNITY CRICKET CONCUSSION AND HEAD IMPACT POLICY (as set out in QSDCA Playing Regulations Appendix D) ("the Policy")** and available at the QSDCA website) now applies to all participants in matches played in this association. Its purpose is to assist all players, club officials and umpires.

The Management Committee of QSDCA instructs that:

1. Should a player receive a blow to the head during a match, whether from a cricket ball or any other source, **the POLICY in APPENDIX D** is to be followed.
2. The Team Captain, Vice Captain or Senior player in the team of the injured player is to take charge and ensure that **the POLICY in APPENDIX D** is followed.
3. Should the match have an official Umpire in attendance, he will refer Captains and players to **the POLICY in APPENDIX D** but can not and will not be responsible for any decision on whether the injured player is fit to continue playing in the match.
4. Any decision on whether that injured player continues to take part in the match will be made by his Captain, Vice Captain or Senior player but not by the injured player or the Umpire.
5. Irrespective of any such decision, the official Umpire will record the matter fully in his notebook, including whether the player took any further part in the match.
6. In accordance with section 7 of **the POLICY in APPENDIX D**, all cases of concussion or suspected concussion and all other head traumas will be documented on a **QSDCA Injury Report Form**. This includes all matches including those where no official umpire is in attendance.
7. The injury report form is available at the QSDCA website <https://tinyurl.com/58xzfnu4>

The Management Committee of QSDCA instructs that all clubs ensure that their players and officials read and become familiar with the **AUSTRALIAN CRICKET COMMUNITY CRICKET CONCUSSION AND HEAD IMPACT POLICY ("the Policy") (as set out in QSDCA Playing Regulations Appendix D**. This must be done prior to the commencement of the season.

Read the **Jan 2023** Statement about about the current Dead Ball Law 20.4.2 (Laws of Cricket 2022 (2007 Code 3rd ed)) here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdtmnefx>

DECLARATION

That an authorised member of the Club has read, understood, acknowledged and agreed to all the matters referred to in these instructions.

Name of Authorised Member _____ **Signature** _____
Club Position (please print clearly) _____ **Date** _____