



CONCUSSION IN SPORT POLICY



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INTRODUCTION

Queensland Lacrosse Association Inc recognises that concussion in sport can cause serious harm to individuals. Everyone has the right to a safe environment and to enjoy the sport of lacrosse. The aim of this policy is to ensure that all players with a suspected concussion receive timely, appropriate advice and responsible care to enable them to safely return to competition and training.

SCOPE

Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd has endorsed the Sport Australia 'Concussion in Sport Position Statement'.

It is ALA protocol that any player who is suspected of having concussion by team or officiating personnel should be attended to & assessed by a medical officer (first aid personnel provided or doctor), removed from competition safely and is only allowed to return to competition on producing a medical certificate to the ALA.

Queensland Lacrosse Association Inc recognises and endorses the Sport Australia 'Concussion in Sport Position Statement' and the Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd concussion protocol for players.

Further to the endorsed position statement prepared by Sport Australian and endorsed by Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd, it is Queensland Lacrosse Association Inc protocol for the following steps to occur;

Accredited and competent first aid officer is available at all Queensland Lacrosse Association Inc endorsed competition. It will be the responsibility of the nominated first aid officer to be able to implement the following guidelines:-

- Recognise suspected concussion
- Remove player from field (if appropriate)
- Facilitate referral to relevant medical professional/ambulance/hospital

It is not within the scope of a first aid officer to diagnose a concussion or to clear them to return to sport. Even if they are 'strongly' advised by the coach or the players parents that "they are fine".

For more information please visit the Sport Australian website;

<http://www.concussioninsport.gov.au/>

RELATED

This Concussion in Sport policy should be read in conjunction with;

- Sport Australia Concussion in Sport Statement