



# CONCUSSION POLICY

## 1. APPLICATION

The Greater Illawarra Cricket Zone Concussion Policy applies to all Greater Illawarra Cricket Zone Competition Matches, including but not limited to Inter Association, Intra Zone, and Club Competitions.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

In the event a head trauma occurs, or the umpires or captains suspect that a player may be concussed, a replacement player is allowed to replace that player only 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. Once selected, the replacement player may not be changed (not withstanding if the replacement player is to be replaced themselves under this policy).

The replacement player is permitted to bat, bowl, keep wicket or field as though he/she was a member of the starting team (Law 1 - Relevant MFPC).

The team captain or a club official shall seek the prior approval of the umpires and captains, who shall not unreasonably refuse a request. The umpires and captains need only be reasonably satisfied that a head trauma occurred during the match.

The umpires shall then inform the captain of the opposing team.

## 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.

