

Annual General Meeting – Season 2022

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Concussion Protocol – Guidance from ECB-ACO

1. Target readership for this document :

- Umpires, captains, players

2. Acknowledgements : Reproduced from the invaluable new « card » in the series published by the ECB-ACO for guidance to umpires in recreational cricket. The full text published on the ECB Web site is highly recommended (link at the foot of this document).

3. Full Title : Concussion Process : ECB Guidance for all Umpires in Recreational Cricket.

« « Concussion is a serious and on occasion potentially life-threatening condition. It can be caused by a relatively innocuous blow to the head.

Umpires are (in general) not qualified to determine whether anyone is suffering from a concussion ; but they do have an ongoing general duty of care to players during a match.

Although the most likely cause of concussion is by a direct blow to the head caused by being hit by the ball, players may also suffer concussion from a blow to the head through collisions with each other, running into walls/fences around the boundary, or hitting their head on the ground.

Where a blow to the head occurs, however mild, the umpires shall proceed with the following steps :

1. Immediately call and signal Dead Ball.
2. If in their opinion the player appears to be seriously/significantly injured; or if he/she is unconscious or bleeding, the umpires should ask the ground authority to call for medical help *(see ACCSO-specific note at foot of document)*; and discourage the player from moving or being moved.
3. If the player seems to be not seriously injured etc, the umpires should require a responsible adult *(see definition below)* on their team to assess whether the player is fit to continue.
4. If the player himself/herself says he/she can continue, the umpires should monitor the player and if they have any concerns whatsoever about the player's condition they should repeat Steps 1-3.
5. If the umpires are told that the player can continue, they should continue to monitor the player. If they have any concerns about his/her condition, they should repeat Steps 1-3. If the responsible adult still says that the player can continue but if either umpire continues to have concerns about the player, the umpires shall leave the field and refuse to officiate.

ECB Notes :

1. The term Responsible Adult means a person from the injured player's club with a duty of care over the player and determined by the injured player's club to be capable of making a decision as to player health and/or welfare. In all circumstances the Responsible Adult must be over 18.
2. Full details of this ECB Guidance is available at :
<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2022/02/14/8ffa5674-a3cf-4d88-823c-8862556e8e09/Managing-the-Risk-of-Concussion-in-Recreational-Cricket-V0.3.pdf>

ACCSO Notes :

1. The ECB document is clearly written so as to apply to adults and younger players, both male and female.
2. In the ACCSO playing context, the Responsible Adult will be the captain, aided by anybody on the ground with medical qualification.
3. **All grounds should have prominently posted the instruction to telephone 15 (to call the SAMU).**

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On behalf of ACCSO Committee,

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