

AIL Suspected Concussion Process

Any player who is removed from the field of play under the suspicion of a concussion CANNOT return to play that day.

The referee has the power to remove a player from a match if they are concussed or have a suspected concussion (Law 3).

Any player removed by the referee under Law 3 the during an AIL match will be reported to the IRFU Medical Dept., who will follow up with the club on Monday or Tuesday after the match.

The club may appeal this decision and must provide the IRFU Medical Dept. with:

- A concussion assessment post-match (SCAT6) and (where possible) a second SCAT6 at 48 hours
- Letter from registered medical doctor, on headed paper, stating that the player has not sustained a concussion (this must be within 48 hours of the match)
- Video clip of the incident at least 30seconds long, showing the event and the player returning to feet and leaving the pitch
- Any other relevant information (i.e. witness collateral history)

If you are unsure of why your player was removed by the referee, speak to the referee before they leave the pitch. If the referee has indicated that the player was removed under Law 3, they will submit a report. In these cases, ensure that the player is medically assessed post-match by a qualified healthcare professional with experience in concussion assessment.

If you wish to appeal the removal, ensure that the player has a subsequent assessment (as outlined above) within 48 hours.

There is NO HIA in the Domestic Game

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