

# CONCUSSION

Recognising Sports Related Concussion



### What is Concussion?

Concussion is an injury to the brain caused by trauma. Concussion can impair normal brain function.

If you or your team mates display any of the following signs or symptoms, STOP your sporting activity and INFORM medical staff immediately.

# SIGNS OF CONCUSSION

What you might <u>see</u> if a team member sustains a concussion:

- Loss of consciousness
- Confusion/disorientation
- Balance problems
- Memory loss
- Dazed, blank stare



#### SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION

What you might <u>feel</u> if you sustain a concussion. There are many possible symptoms of concussion. Symptoms vary between athletes. These are some of the most common ones:



#### Physical:

- Headache
- Nausea
- Blurred vision
- Dizziness
- Neck pain

#### Cognitive:

- Feeling 'in a fog'
- Feeling slowed down
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering
- Don't feel right



#### **Emotional:**

- Irritable
- Sad
- Nervous
- Anxious

### Fatigue-related:

- Drowsy
- Low energy
- Difficulty sleeping
- Over-sleeping







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