



## VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### CONCUSSION REPORTING POLICY

The VAF A is committed to the health and safety of all participants who participate in competition. The VAF A adopts the Concussion Policy outlined in the [National Community Football Policy Handbook](#). Clubs are directed to the additional resources provided.

If a participant in a VAF A competition is experiencing symptoms of a suspected concussion, or are diagnosed with concussion, the player is not permitted to return to the playing surface. The club must report to VAF A Football Operations the name of the player and subsequent details of the concussion by 12.00pm on the Wednesday following the match using this [link provided](#).

The earliest that a player may return to play (once they have successfully completed a graded loading program and they have obtained medical clearance) is the 12<sup>th</sup> day after the day on which the concussion was suffered. The player will be deemed to be ineligible until they have served the mandatory period and will not be able to be selected on a Team Sheet.

The VAF A reserves the right to conduct investigations of failure to report incidents of concussion, including retaining relevant concussion assessment documents.

Medical information submitted by a VAF A participant as part of the Concussion Reporting Policy will be for internal use only, and will not be shared with any third party without the prior consent of the individual.

#### **Additional Resources:**

[Head Check Concussion Management](#)

[AFL Community Concussion Management Guidelines](#)

[Concussion Management](#)

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