Appendix A

SUSPECTED CONCUSSION - INCIDENT FLOW CHART

Player suffers head knock or translation force injury (implement first aid protocol). Event or team official refers player to designated sports medicine personnel/designated doctor on duty at event & removes player from field of play (to establish if there is a suspected concussion) & gives witness statement.

Designated sports medicine personnel/designated doctor on duty at event completes **initial assessment using CRT5** (Concussion Recognition Tool 5) to determine if the player presents with any observable signs or symptoms for concussion or failure to answer memory assessment questions.

NO

Normal incident reporting protocols

Player may return to play with careful monitoring*

*to ensure no signs or symptoms of concussion present.

YES – this is a ***diagnosis of suspected concussion***.

Designated sports medicine personnel / designated doctor on duty:

1. Completes ***section 1***of the **QSS Concussion Referral & Return Form**
2. Enters details into **Concussion Register**
3. Provides Parent/Guardian of player with a copy of the **QSS Concussion Referral and Return form** (for presentation to a medical doctor) Refer player to a medical doctor or emergency department as soon as possible.

- Parent/Guardian presents **QSS Concussion Referral & Return Form** to medical doctor.
- Student is assessed by medical doctor with experience in managing concussion.
- Medical Doctor completes **Section 2** of the **QSS Concussion Referral & Return Form**

NO

Concussion not diagnosed

- An alternative diagnosis for signs / symptoms displayed is given by medical doctor and documented on **QSS Concussion Referral & Return Form (Section 2).**
- Parent / Guardian returns completed QSS Concussion Referral & Return Form to Team Manager.
- Team Manager to provide event convenor with a copy of the completed QSS Concussion Referral and Return Form
- Event Convenor to record return of QSS Concussion Referral and Return Form on QSS Concussion Register.

YES

Concussion diagnosed

- Players diagnosed with concussion must rest and recover from all symptoms of concussion.
- Players must follow a **Graduated Return to Play Protocol** under the guidance of a medical practitioner who is experienced in concussion injury management.

- Event Convenor submit completed **Concussion Register** to host RSSO.
- Host to submit completed **Concussion Register** to QSSU and all RSSOs
- RSSO to inform Principal of the student's school of the suspected/ diagnosed concussion.
- Team manager to complete **myhr-whs-incident-data-collection-form** with details from the QSS Concussion Referral & Return Form and submit to ***Principal of the student's school*** as per normal protocol