

## CONCUSSION SUBSTITUTE POLICY & GUIDELINES

### 1. **APPLICATION**

- a) Finals Series matches (Premier Cricket and Shires competitions);
- b) Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup matches;
- c) Poidevin-Gray Shield competition matches;
- d) AW Green Shield competition matches;9
- e) Women's Premier Cricket matches;
- f) Frank Gray Shield competition matches.
- g) Two-day preliminary round matches, subject to the prior approval of the SCA.

### 2. **INTRODUCTION**

In the event a head trauma occurs, or the umpires suspect that a player may be concussed, a replacement player is allowed for the remainder of the match.

### 3. **PROCESS**

The replacement player shall be a similar type of player (best endeavours) who may immediately participate in the match as a complete replacement player for the Concussed Player.

The Concussion Substitute is permitted to bat, bowl, keep wicket or field as though he/she was a member of the starting 11.

The team captain or a club official shall seek the prior approval of the umpires, who shall not unreasonably refuse a request. The umpires need only be reasonably satisfied that a head trauma occurred during the match.

The umpires shall then inform the captain of the opposing team.

### 4. **OBJECTIVE**

This policy's objective is to permit the replacement of a player who is suspected of suffering from head trauma or concussion.

The opposing team shall not be unfairly disadvantaged by a team's choice of replacement player.

A team shall take reasonable steps to replace a concussed player with a similar type of player; however, the status of the match may permit other types of replacements, for example –

- A batsman may be replaced by a bowler provided that the team will no longer bowl in the match;
- A batsman may be replaced by a bowler subject to the captain's undertaking that the replacement will not bowl in the match;
- A bowler may be replaced by a batsman provided that the team will no longer bat in the match or the bowler has been dismissed;