

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 23 February 2009
TO: State Union Community Rugby GM's
FROM: Ian Alker
SUBJECT: Serious Injury Report & Protocol

Dear All

With the 2009 Rugby season about to commence, the ARU would like to reiterate to all stakeholders the importance of being aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of a Serious Injury in Rugby, including:

Serious Injury Report – Note the revised reporting definition below:

A Serious Injury Report must be completed for the following match or training related injuries:

- Any head or neck injury that results in a player being treated at an emergency department, hospital or after-hours medical centre, or
- Any injury that results in the admission of a player into hospital.

Serious Injury Protocol – is to be followed in the event of a serious injury to a players head or neck (ie: suspected spinal injury) or fatality, and includes notifying the Serious Injury Case Manager, Gary Speckman via the **ARU Serious Injury Hotline 1800 036 156**.

Please ensure this information is circulated to your affiliates and clubs to reinforce reporting and protocols in the event of a serious injury. Previous versions should be removed from websites, competition manuals, etc and replaced with revised version.

Serious Injury Report & Protocol is also available for download from www.rugby.com.au/policies

Kind regards



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