

CONCUSSION RETURN TO PLAY ADVISORY PANEL

ROLE OF THE AC CONCUSSION RETURN-TO-PLAY (RTP) ADVISORY PANEL.

The AC Concussion RTP Advisory panel's (the **Advisory Panel**) role is to review the medical case notes to determine if there is enough medical support consistent with the concussion management principles of this policy to allow a Participant who has sustained a concussion to return to playing cricket before the mandatory twelve (12) days outlined in the GRTP process outlined in **Appendix 2**.

PANEL MEMBERS

The RTP Advisory Panel members will be appointed by the CA Head of SSSM (or EGM of High Performance and National Teams if the Head of SSSM is not available) and will consist of at least three independent doctors at a minimum:

- The CA Chief Medical Officer (CMO).
- NB: If the CA CMO is not available or has a Conflict of Interest (see 5.A3 below)
- 1-2 of either the Australian Women's Team doctor or Australian Men's Team doctor.
- 1-2 State Medical Officers.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Advisory Panel members will not be appointed to the panel if the Participant being reviewed is a current member of their state/territory team or w/BBL Club or has other conflict of interest as determined by the CA Head of Performance Services.

APPLICATION TO THE ADVISORY PANEL

Only an AC Doctor responsible for the medical care of a Participant can submit an application to have a case reviewed by the Advisory Panel. The application process must include the following:

- An email marked Urgent sent **from an AC email address** to the CA Head of Performance Services AND the CA CMO.
- The applicant must also follow up with a phone text message or call to confirm receipt of the application within two hours of submitting the application (unless the Advisory Panel confirm receipt of the application before that).
- The CA Head of Performance Services or CA CMO must acknowledge receipt of the application as soon as practical to inform the applicant that the process has commenced.
- The email must contain a bullet point summary of head impact, subsequent concussion diagnosis and the key reasons why the case should be considered for review.

APPLICATION TIMES

Applicants must not expect that their applications will be reviewed in less than 48 hours from the time of submitting the application but will take no longer than 72 hours to formally reply to the applicant. It is not guaranteed that a final decision will be made by the Advisory Panel within 72 hours of receiving the application if more information or further consultation is required.

APPEAL

The decision of the Advisory Panel is final and binding. No appeal process is possible. In the event of an unfavorable determination (or the panel being unable to be convened in time) then the minimum RTP will stay at 12 days.

Players have the right to request a summary of the Panel's decision-making reasoning, in order to understand the decision.