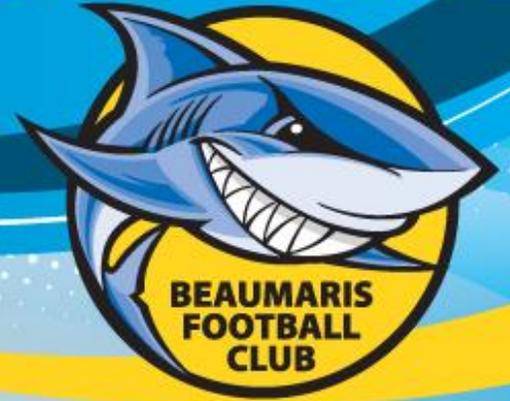


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BEAUMARIS FOOTBALL CLUB (JUNIORS)

Updated Sunday, February 18, 2018

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

- Where a player is suspected to have suffered concussion or a heavy head knock he/she will be removed from the field, when safe to do so, to allow the first aid provider to adequately assess them.
- Each Beaumaris Trainers kit is supplied with SCAT2 to assist in the diagnosis of concussion.
- Where the player is unconscious, basic first aid principles should be used. Care must be taken with the player's neck, which may also be injured. The player will be removed from the field via stretcher or the most appropriate means and taken straight to the rooms for assessment.
- The team trainer will undertake concussion testing on the player, and will ask the ground trainer to inspect the player to assess him/her for concussion.
- Urgent hospital referral is necessary if there is any concern regarding the risk of structural head or neck injury. If there is any doubt, the player should be referred to hospital.
- Any player who has suffered a concussion should not be allowed to return to play in the same game. The incident is to be documented by the team manager and reported to the Club Secretary.
- Where the player was cleared of suspected concussion, he/she would be able to resume play at the appropriate time as determined by the medics.
- As recommended by the current AFL Policy a more conservative approach should be used for players under the age of 18 when decisions are made about the return to play of a concussed player.
- The general rule is "if in doubt sit them out"
- The Beaumaris Football Club (Juniors) requires a medical clearance for all players who have suffered concussion before they return to play. This must be provided to the Team Manager and Club Secretary.