



Waverley Basketball Association enforces a compulsory Concussion Policy to be used throughout all junior and senior domestic competitions.

It is intended this policy will better educate members in the handling of situations where a player suffers a suspected head injury

This policy is an extension of the existing FIBA and Basketball Australia policies regarding injured players. More information can be found [here](#):

#### **RULE**

If any player receives a strike or blow to the head, either from another person, object or surface such as the ground, of sufficient severity for the game to be stopped, and there is a perceived risk of concussion the injured player is required to be substituted out of the game.

Junior players in any WBA competitions must remain off the court for the duration of the match.

Players who are 18 years of age or above in WBA Senior Competitions may choose to continue to play after being substituted for five (5) minutes. After that point they may continue at their own risk and against the advisement of WBA.

If a player is substituted off due to a non-head related injury, they may return to the game at any time.

#### **REBOUNDING EXAMPLE**

A. A player receives contact to the head in a rebounding contest and the referee deems the contact severe and immediately stops the game, the player must be substituted immediately. A player in WBA junior competitions cannot return to the court for the remainder of the match, and a player in WBA senior competitions can return after a five-minute substitution at their own risk.

B. A player receives contact to the head in a rebounding contest but continues to play and the game is not stopped by the official, this player can remain in the game.

#### **LOOSE BALL EXAMPLE**

A. A player dives onto a loose ball and the referee deems contact to the head severe and immediately stops the game, the player must be substituted accordingly. A player in WBA junior competitions cannot return to the court for the remainder of the match, and a player in WBA senior competitions can return after a five-minute substitution at their own risk.

B. A player dives onto a loose ball and lands heavily, but the referee does not witness specific contact to the head, and the player continues, the player can remain in the game.

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