



Head Injury Policy

Worcester city netball league (WCNL) understand they have a duty of care to all players. Therefore, WCNL have produced the following document in respect to head injuries.

Procedure

Any player sustaining a head injury whereby any part of their head has come into contact with any of the following:

- the sports hall floor
- sports hall wall
- outside court surface
- goal post
- another player's head
- or any other hard surface

The umpires must stop the game immediately, (in the winter league the clock continues. In the summer league the clock is stopped).

The person who has sustained the injury **MUST** leave the court with the assistance of any other players. The player cannot return to the court for the remainder of the game. Substitutions can be made as per WCNL/England Netball rules.

The Umpires will ensure the injured player does not return to the game at any point.

If the person is under the age of 18 the above procedure will be followed with the following additional measures:

- The young person, when they have left the court, must not be left on their own
- The young person must be escorted by an adult with either parental responsibility or the team's nominated safeguarding person to their home or hospital

Umpires must place an Asterix on the score card beside the name of the player who has sustained a head injury.

Any player who has sustained a head injury should follow the guidelines as per England Netball Concussion policy before they next train or play a game of netball.

WCNL cannot take responsibility for any person who does not follow any medical advice in respect of a head injury.

‘IF IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT’