



## INJURY PROCEDURE



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## 1. Purpose

This procedure outlines the roles and responsibilities in case of an injury. This procedure is in addition to and should be read in conjunction with the Quadball Australia First Aid Policy.

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## 2. Scope

### 2.1 This Procedure applies to:

- All QA members and hired first aid personnel

### 2.2 This Procedure covers:

- Injury types that occur during event and procedure

### 2.3 This Procedure does not cover:

- How to treat injuries

## 3. Objectives

The objective of this Procedure is to ensure that:

- All QA members and hired first aid personnel understand and adhere to the Injury Procedure

## 4. Injury Procedure

### 4.1 General Injuries

General Injuries included (but not limited to) bleeding, bruises, cramps, and anything that the player can remove themselves from play without needing a stoppage of play.

In the event of a general injury players:

- are encouraged to attend the first aid team to assess the injury before returning to play
- may only return to field after receiving permission from the referee team, who must be satisfied the player does not present a risk to the safety of player or other players

### 4.2 Bleeding

If a player is openly bleeding, they must remove themselves from play immediately. This is to protect the health and safety of all players on the field. The player may return once the bleeding has been managed and have the wound sufficiently covered to stop all potential blood contact.

### 4.3 Serious Injuries

Serious Injuries include (but not limited to) suspected spinal injury, suspected head injury, suspected concussion and fractures; additional injuries can be assessed by the first aid team and/or head referee as serious.

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If the player is unable to move themselves off the field under their own power from a severe injury all games on that field must be suspended until the player is moved.

If the player cannot be moved due to the decision of the first aid team, all games on that field must be suspended until the player is moved.

If concussion symptoms are present, the Concussion Policy must be followed.

#### 4.4 First Aid Team

in the event the first aid team deems a player unfit to return to play, they are to advise the tournament director (or other contact person). The tournament director (or other contact person) must inform relevant parties (such as, but not limited to, the referee teams for the injured players teams games.

#### 4.5 Head Referee

As outlined in IQA Rulebook 2022, the head referee is responsible to prevent injuries by:

- Replacing any official who is injured (10.1.1.E)
- Stopping play immediately when a player is too injured to continue play while obstructing active gameplay, or is down with a serious injury, including non-superficial head injuries (1.3.4.B.i)
- Allowing play to continue if an injury is not serious and the player is not obstructing active gameplay (1.3.4.B.ii)
- Ensuring that, when play must be stopped for an injury, the injured player is removed from the pitch.
- Ensuring that any player who is openly bleeding leaves the pitch immediately and is replaced by a substitute. The player may only return after receiving permission from an official, who must be satisfied that the bleeding has stopped.
- If the player attempts to return to field, the head referee may give a Yellow Card to the player as outlined in IQA Rulebook 2022 10.3.1 for disregarding an official's directive

### 5. Roles and Responsibilities

#### 5.1 Responsibility Summary

Role	Responsibility/Accountability
QA	Accountable for this Procedure.
Board Members	Supports the execution of all or certain requirements within this Procedure.
Tournament Director	The tournament director holds a duty of care to all attendees to an event. They must make sure that all procedures in the First Aid Policy and subsequent documents are adhered to.
First Aid Team	The first aid team are either event first aid services or first aid volunteers defined in the First Aid Policy. They hold the duty of care to all attendees

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	at an event. They must work in their scope of practice and execute their duties following the First Aid Policy and subsequent documents.
Head Referee	Head referees hold the duty of care of all players on the field from equipment check to 5 minutes after the game has ended. They work with the first aid team to ensure a safe game for all players and spectators. They follow the guidance of the first aid team at all times when an injured player is on the field.
Players	Players are responsible for their own and others' safety on the field. They are encouraged to seek first aid assessment whenever they consider themselves to be injured. They must follow first aid team instructions in the instance of a serious injury.

## 6. Reference and associated documents

### 6.1 Associated QA documents

- [National Member Protection Policy](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- First Aid Policy

### 6.2 Associated IQA documents

- [IQA Rulebook](#)

## 7. Definitions and acronyms

Term/Acronym	Definition
QA	Quadball Australia
IQA	International Quadball Association
First Aid Team	First Aid Volunteer or Event First Aid Service staff as defined in the QA Event First Aid Policy.
Referee team	The group of head referees and assistant referees who are responsible for the current game.
Speaking captain	A team representative who communicates on behalf of their team to the tournament director, referee team, and First Aid Team.

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