

I draw your attention to RFU Regulation 9 - **Head Injuries and Concussion**, we have already had a number of reported occasions this season with society referees asking that a player undergoes a HIA during game time. To re-iterate (as detailed below) **there is no HIA at these levels of the game.**

Regulation 9

9.4 In specified adult competitions, participants who sustain a head injury or impact but show no signs or symptoms of concussion may be temporarily replaced for medical assessment and may only return to field of play if assessed and permitted in accordance with the protocols that apply to those competitions which are as follows:

- a. Premiership and A League Matches: the protocol set out in the Premiership and A League Regulations.
- b. Championship Matches: the protocol set out in the Championship Regulations.

9.5 In respect of all other adult and age grade matches or training sessions, participants and all those involved (including coaches, players, parents and club officials) should refer to the RFU Headcase guidance set out in www.englandrugby.com/headcase/ for guidance on prevention, recognition, management and returning to play. All (players, coaches, parents, match officials and club officials) should familiarise themselves with this RFU Headcase guidance.

9.6 Any individual who exhibits any of the signs or symptoms of concussion should be immediately and permanently removed safely from the field of play, should not return to play that day, and it is recommended that they are referred to a medical or healthcare professional for assessment and advice.

Incidents from Citing Reviews - Find attached a link for incidents from citing reviews from the first weekend of the season 2017-18, <https://play.buto.tv/tJjCj>

I would be grateful if you could kindly disseminate to all members within your society, should you have any questions in relation to law clarifications or changes, please contact our dedicated e-mail service: Laws@rfu.com