

# WORLD RUGBY

# **Head Injury Assessment Form 1**

Player's name			Player's number	
Date of injury		Physician's name		
Team		Opposition		
Competition		Round		
Kick off time		Assessment time		
Time of injury	Quarter 1	Quarter 2 Qua	rter 3 Quarter 4	
Requested by	Team Doctor	Match Day Tour Doctor Doct	nament Physio or	
Completed by	Team Doctor	Match Day Tour Doctor Doct	nament Physio or	
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# COMPLETE EITHER SECTION 1 OR SECTION 2. SECTION 3 MUST BE COMPLETED IN ALL CASES

Section 1 – Identify below the reason for immediate and permanent removal from field IF A CRITERIA 1 APPLIES, THE OFF-FIELD SCREEN (Section 2) DOES NOT REQUIRE COMPLETION					
Tonic posturing	Convulsion				
Confirmed loss of consciousness	Suspected loss of consciousness				
Balance disturbance/ataxia	Player not orientated in time, place or person				
Clearly dazed	Definite confusion				
Definite behavioural changes	On field identification of sign or symptom of concussion				
Oculomotor signs (e.g spontaneous nystagmus)	Recognise and Remove ( Under 19)				
SECTION 2 – HIA1 Off-field screen - identify reas Before commencing the off-field screen, review the video					
Head impact where diagnosis not immediately apparent	Possible behaviour changes				
Possible Confusion	Injury event witnessed with potential to result in a concussive injury				
Sub-threshold Criteria 1 sign e.g. possible balance disturbance, possible LOC etc.	iMG Alert				
Other (identify):					



### Off-field Screen

If unable to perform a specific test please record reason in the appropriate

#### Immediate Memory (ABNORMAL result is a score less than 16 or less than baseline)

Randomly select a list of 10 words and use this same 10-word list, three times to assess Immediate Memory. Identify the number of correct answers with a maximum of 30 possible.'

List	Alternate 10-word lists			Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3		
А	Jacket	Arrow	Pepper	Cotton	Movie			
	Finger	Penny	Blanket	Lemon	Insect			
В	Baby	Monkey	Perfume	Sunset	Iron			
	Candle	Paper	Sugar	Sandwich	Wagon			
С	Dollar	Honey	Mirror	Saddle	Anchor			
	Carpet	Saddle	Elbow	Bubble	Apple			

#### **Immediate Memory Score:**

Out of 30

Maddock's Questions - Orientation (ABNORMAL any incorrect answer)	Incorrect	Correct
What venue are we at today?		
Which half is it now?		
Who scored last in this match?		
What team did you play last week/game?		
Did your team win the last game?		

		packwards RMAL is a score less than 2 or less than the baseline)	Abnormal	Normal
Lis	st A	Trial 1: 4-3-9 / 3-8-1-4 / 6-2-9-7-1 / 7-1-8-4-6-2		
		Trial 2: 6-2-9 / 3-2-7-9 / 1-5-2-8-6 / 5-3-9-1-4-8		
Lis	st B	Trial 1: 3-8-2 / 2-7-9-3 / 4-1-8-6-9 / 6-9-7-3-8-2		
		Trial 2: 5-1-8 / 2-1-6-9 / 9-4-1-7-5 / 4-2-7-9-3-8		

Balance Examination ABNORMAL score:  • Tandem Stance- 4 errors or more, or more errors than baseline  • Single Leg Stance- 6 errors or more, or more errors than baseline		Abnormal	Normal
Tandem Stance – Identify total errors			
Single Leg Stance – Identify total errors			



Symptom checklist - <u>Hand questionnaire to player to read</u>	Yes	No
I have a headache?		
I have dizziness?		
I have 'pressure in my head'?		
I feel nauseated or like vomiting?		
I have blurred vision?		
The light or noise worries me?		
I feel as though I am are slowing down?		
I feel like I am 'in a fog'?		
I feel unwell?		
Clinical signs	Yes	No
Emotional – sad, anxious, nervous, irritable		
Drowsy / difficulty concentrating / difficulty remembering		
Delayed Recall (ABNORMAL is a score less than 4 or less than the baseline)	Abnormal	Normal
Test recall of immediate memory words 5 minutes after initial testing		
Record number of words recalled out of 10	Score	/10

Section 3 – PLAYER REMOVED?				
PLAYER REMOVED FROM PLAY, REASON	PLAYER RETURNEDTO PLAY, REASON			
Criteria 1 sign or symptom confirmed	Player returned after completion of the HIA1 screen			
Off-field HIA1 screen abnormal	Clinical judgement over-ruled abnormal off-field HIA1 screen			
Clinical suspicion despite normal off-field HIA1 screen	Game finished – player would have been returned to play			
Player removed for another injury	Game finished – player would have been returned to play			
Recognise and Remove				
Criteria 1 sign or symptom confirmed				





#### Instructions

- 1. Complete Section 1 if the player is removed immediately and permanently from the field of play.
- 2. Complete Section 2 if player requires an off-field HIA1 screen
- 3. If sections of the off-field HIA1 are not fully completed, please identify why in that area.
- 4. Section 2 of the off-field HIA1 screen is designed to assist Team Doctors assess head injury where the diagnosis is not immediately apparent.
- 5. The player must not return to play following an off-field HIA1 if any answer in column 1 is selected.
- 6. A doctor's clinical suspicion should overrule a normal side-line neurological test
- 7. Return to play decisions remain the responsibility of the doctor.
- 8. The team doctor should continue to monitor all athletes who have had a normal off-field HIA1, for symptoms and signs of a delayed concussion.

#### SUSPECTED LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS is identified by one of the following:

- Cervical hypotonia
- Player falls to ground without protecting themselves
- Player lies on ground motionless for 5 seconds
- LOC confirmed by team member or referee.

**BALANCE DISTURBANCE / ATAXIA** is identified when the player is unsteady rising from the ground, unsteady taking initial steps or unable to stand steadily or walk normally or steady without support following a clear an obvious head contact.

#### **OFF-FIELD SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS**

IMMEDIATE MEMORY - select one 10-word list from the three options. Test the players recall with these same 10 words, three times. Identify the correct number of words recalled, maximum 30.

#### Instructions

I am going to test your memory. I will read you 10 words and when I am done, you are to repeat to me as many words as you can remember, in any order'

#### Repeat the same procedure using the same words three times:

"I am going to repeat the same list again. Repeat back as many words as you can remember in any order." Complete all three trials regardless of score on trial 1 and 2.

Read the words at a rate of one per second.

The maximum score is 30.

#### **DIGITS BACKWARDS** - start with either option 1 or option 2 numbers.

"I am going to read you a string of numbers and when I am done, you repeat them back to me backwards, in reverse order of how I read them to you. For example, if I say 7-1-9, you would say 9-1-7."

Begin with first 3-digit string. If correct, go to next string length. If incorrect in a string length, read trial 2 in the same string length. Stop if incorrect with both trials in the same string length. The digits should be read at the rate of one per second.

#### **DELAYED RECALL-** re-test same immediate memory words

- MUST BE 5 MINUTES AFTER FIRST TEST

"Tell me as many words from the list of words read to you earlier in any order."





#### **Balance Examination**

The following are instructions for balance testing. Inform the player: "I am now going to test your balance. Please take your boots off. This test will consist of two twenty second tests with different stances."

#### (a)Single leg stance:

"If you were to kick a ball, which foot would you use? [This will be the dominant foot] Now stand on your non-dominant foot. The dominant leg should be held in approximately 30 degrees of hip flexion and 45 degrees of knee flexion. Again, you should try to maintain stability for 20 seconds with your hands on your hips and your eyes closed. I will be counting the number of times you move out of this position. If you stumble out of this position, open your eyes and return to the start position and continue balancing. I will start timing when you are set and have closed your eyes."

#### (c) Tandem stance:

"Now stand heel-to-toe with your non-dominant foot in back. Your weight should be evenly distributed across both feet. Again, you should try to maintain stability for 20 seconds with your hands on your hips and your eyes closed. I will be counting the number of times you move out of this position. If you stumble out of this position, open your eyes and return to the start position and continue balancing. I will start timing when you are set and have closed your eyes."