



Geelong Baseball Association

Concussion Policy 2026

1. Purpose

The Geelong Baseball Association Inc. (GBA) is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants.

The purpose of this Policy is to formally adopt the Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport, consistent with the approach adopted by Baseball Victoria, and communicate the Association's expectation that the Guidelines will be followed by all participants.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all participants involved in Geelong Baseball Association sanctioned competitions, representative teams and activities.

3. Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport

Consistent with the approach adopted by Baseball Victoria, the Geelong Baseball Association adopts the Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport, as amended from time to time.

Current Guidelines:

[Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport](#)

The Guidelines provide guidance on the recognition and management of concussion from the time of injury through to a safe return to education, work and playing sport.

All participants are expected to familiarise themselves with and follow the current Guidelines in relation to suspected concussion or head injury arising from participation in GBA sanctioned competitions and activities.

4. Administration

Nothing contained within this Policy:

- amends or replaces the Geelong Baseball Association Constitution;
- amends or replaces the GBA Playing Conditions;
- amends or replaces the Official Baseball Rules; or
- creates any additional competition rules, player eligibility requirements, penalties or disciplinary offences.

This Policy is administrative and participant-safety guidance in nature and exists solely to formally adopt the Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport.

5. Responsibilities

All participants are expected to familiarise themselves with, and comply with, the current **Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport**.

Affiliated clubs are encouraged to:

- remain familiar with the current Guidelines and any amendments made from time to time;
- ensure relevant coaches, team managers and officials are made aware of the Guidelines; and
- maintain a current printed copy of the Guidelines at their venue, in a location that is readily accessible to participants for reference and use when required.

Nothing in this Policy removes or limits any responsibilities or obligations imposed by Baseball Victoria, Baseball Australia or applicable legislation.

6. Review

This Policy will be reviewed:

- annually;
 - following any material amendment to the Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport;
 - following any change to Baseball Victoria's concussion requirements or guidance; or
 - as determined by the Board of Management.
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7. Related Documents

- [Geelong Baseball Association Constitution](#)
 - [GBA Playing Conditions](#)
 - [Baseball Victoria Playing Conditions](#)
 - [Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport](#)
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8. Document Control

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