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Via E-Mail

### HIA Substitution Cards – EPCR Season 2018/19

Dear All,

I hope that your season is progressing well and that your plans for the European tournaments also continue to go well.

This season, to better assist EPCR’s Medical Advisory Group understand, record and ultimately improve the tournament’s responsibilities around the subject of HIA incidences, which is not currently captured sufficiently on the regular match Substitution Cards, EPCR is introducing an additional ‘HIA Substitution Cards’ for the 2018-19 season, to assist this element of the tournament’s administration.

In conjunction with Alligin, who assist EPCR in the post-match monitoring, and where required, improving of EPCR’s player welfare responsibilities, the additional card – please see the attached images below – will be provided to the teams for the season ahead, in addition to the regular Substitution Card.



#### EPCR HIA CARD

HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER OFF

REASON:

HIA PASS

HIA FAIL  If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

TIME PLAYER OFF \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF TEAM OFFICIAL \_\_\_\_\_

This card **MUST** be completed and handed out to N04 official even if the final whistle is blown during HIA.

N.b. Players must not return before the full 10 minutes have elapsed.



#### EPCR HIA CARD

AWAY TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER OFF

REASON:

HIA PASS

HIA FAIL  If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

TIME PLAYER OFF \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF TEAM OFFICIAL \_\_\_\_\_

This card **MUST** be completed and handed out to N04 official even if the final whistle is blown during HIA.

N.b. Players must not return before the full 10 minutes have elapsed.



As mentioned this new HIA Substitution Card is in addition to the regular Substitution Card that will continue to be utilised during games, and is therefore not replacing the requirement for the Substitution Card to be completed and delivered to the No.4 Match Official, as normal.

The following is a brief recap on Substitution Card delivery and requested operational use:

- Each Team Manager will receive the following, in the coming week:
  - 75 Home Substitution Cards
  - 75 Away Substitution Cards
  
  - 25 HIA Home Substitution Cards
  - 25 HIA Away Substitution Cards
- The regular Substitution Cards are to be utilised by the Team Manager as normal
- In the event a player goes off for a HIA, following the 10 minute assessment, the Team Doctor is requested to complete the HIA Substitution Card, to record the outcome of the assessment and to provide the card to the No.4 Match Official. As indicated on the card this process should still be completed and the card handed to the No.4, even if the game ends during the HIA process
- The completed HIA Substitution Card will confirm to No.4 Official either the return of the player who has been temporarily replaced, or will make the temporary replacement permanent

As indicated above the introduction of the HIA Substitution Card is intended to enable EPCR to more accurately monitor its player welfare responsibilities around HIA incidences, and possible concussions, across the tournaments.

EPCR thanks you for the assistance in briefing your Match Officials on this new initiative, but please do not hesitate to contact me at [rita.figueiredo@epcrugby.com](mailto:rita.figueiredo@epcrugby.com) if you require further assistance or have additional queries regarding this.

Yours faithfully,



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