

Appendix A: Focus Group Questions

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this focus group. You have been provided with a copy of the AFL Concussion Guidelines. We are interested in finding out what community football players think about the guidelines.

Suppose that during a Saturday afternoon game, you collide with another player, hitting your head pretty hard. You're not knocked out, but you feel dizzy and you're having trouble getting your bearings.

Think about how the guidelines fit into this scenario? Would they be applied in this situation? What do you think would happen next? In the days that follow? Who would do what? What would be your role here?

With the same scenario in mind, please jot down a few points in response to the following questions:

1. Do you think these guidelines are relevant to you as a player?
2. What are some of the good things about following the AFL concussion guidelines?
3. What are some of the bad things about following the guidelines?
4. Who do you think would want players to follow the guidelines?
5. Who do you think would not want players to follow the guidelines?
6. What would make it easier or more likely for you to follow the guidelines?
7. What would make it difficult or less likely for you to follow the guidelines?
8. What else comes to mind when you think about following the concussion guidelines?