

BLUE CARD FLOW CHART

This is for Senior & Secondary School grades ONLY

Player is shown a **Blue Card**, during the course of a match by the referee



Conclusion of the match the Referee will inform the Provincial Union



Provincial Union will send a letter to the club and player concerned confirming that the player has been stood down from playing rugby due to concussion or suspected concussion



It is recommended that the suspected concussed player seeks medical attention within 24 hours. To be assessed and provided with advice about undertaking a return to play.

It is mandatory that no doctor should overrule a suspected concussion or concussed player allowing them to return to play before three weeks as they have been witnessed to show signs of concussion on the field



Having completed a graduated return to play process, a player **MUST** obtain medical clearance to resume playing. The doctor must complete a form to indicate that they have been cleared to play and provide this to the Provincial Union



A player must produce a **clearance letter** to be signed by the medical practitioner and returned to the Provincial Union to be permitted to resume playing. This must be received by the Provincial Union 24 hours before scheduled return to play



Player is then cleared to return to play

The procedure outlined here has been endorsed by New Zealand Rugby Union (NZRU) for use in the community game.

Thank you for your support as we look to improve the care of concussion in the community game.

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