



**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT**  
*MERCANTILE RUGBY SEVENS - 2019*



Rules under the subtitles **substitutes / replacements** and **concussion** has been amended and shall be as follows.

## **SUBSTITUTES / REPLACEMENTS**

(i) **Definitions**

**Substitution:** Temporary replacement of a player who has left the field for bleeding.

**Replacement:** Permanent replacement of a player for tactical reasons or for injury. A player who has been replaced may not return to the field of play for the remainder of the match.

- (ii) A team may substitute or replace up to five (5) players.
- (iii) Substitutions for blood injuries will not be counted. However, if the injured player does not return within 10 minutes (actual time), it becomes a permanent replacement
- (iv) In case of Head Injury Assessment (HIA), even if all the substitutes / replacements have been used, the player who is to have the HIA must leave the field of play and shall be replaced by a player who got substituted not due to injury but only for tactical reason.
- (v) A player replaced due to injury cannot come back as a temporary replacement in that match.
- (vi) No replacement or substitution can may be made except with the permission of the referee, and only during stoppage in play.

## **CONCUSSION**

If at any point during the match, a player is concussed and or has suspected concussion, that player must be immediately and permanently removed from the field of play. This is known as "Recognized and Remove".

If a Players is suspected of having concussion or diagnosed with concussion and declared by the tournament medical officer, the player must be removed from the field of play and take no further part in the Match or Tournament.