



MPYFC Long term or serious injury to players policy

Should a player incur a serious injury during a MPYFC game, there shall be two priority club considerations:

- a) The immediate safety, first aid and welfare of the player
- b) Ongoing support and assistance to facilitate a return to full fitness and playing status with MPYFC

From time to time, players will sustain injuries that will require a substantive lay-off from playing. Where this is likely to extend beyond several weeks it will be important for the coach and manager of the team to adopt appropriate planning to achieve the two points above. In particular this should involve the following:

1. Notify the club welfare office (CWO) of the injury, providing details of you player involved, the immediate and further treatment they may have received and any other relevant information that the club may need.
2. Consider what this means for the team and the remainder of the season and how to ensure continuity for the remainder of the players can be best achieved. Notify the CWO of your plans.
3. Make a plan with the injured player (parent or carers) to monitor their recovery and keep the player in contact with the club (such as inviting them to attend games, training and any social activities).
4. Ensuring that any return to training and or playing has been sanctioned by the medical professionals involved and check this with their parents. At this point, use your professional judgement to ensure training and play is introduced gradually and progressively and pay particular attention to how the player is responding and coping.

Whilst it is the club's aim to ensure that all injured players return to playing for their original team, MPYFC cannot guarantee that this will be the case. Please do not make promises such as "You will always have your place in this team" as we have learned from experience that this may not always work out in the best interests of the club or player.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this policy, please contact alanjackson2412@gmail.com Club Welfare Officer.