

PROCEDURES FOR CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES

Pursuant to state law and for the purposes of this rule, a “youth athletic activity” is defined as an athletic activity organized by the District or one of its agencies/affiliates in which the participants, a majority of whom are under 19 years of age, are engaged in an athletic game or competition against another team, club, or entity or in practice or preparation for an organized athletic game and/or competition against another team, club, or entity. “Youth athletic activity” does not include an activity that is incidental to a nonathletic program.

At the beginning of a season for a youth athletic activity, the District Athletic Director, Recreation Program Director, or other person operating the youth athletic activity shall distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to each Coach, Recreation Department Program Leader, and any other person who will be supervising and/or coaching that youth athletic activity and to each person (and that person’s parent or guardian) that wishes to participate in that youth athletic activity.

No person may participate in a youth athletic activity unless the person returns the information sheet signed by the person and, if he or she is under the age of 19, by his or her parent or guardian to the Coach, Recreation Department Program Leader, or any other person operating the youth athletic activity.

Any athletic Coach, Recreation Department Program Leader, official involved in a youth athletic activity, Athletic Trainer or other health care provider shall remove a person from the youth athletic activity or any incident where there is significant trauma to the head if he or she determines that the person exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with that of a concussion or head injury or if he or she suspects that the person has sustained a concussion or head injury.

First aid will be provided to a person who has been removed from any youth athletic activity under this rule as appropriate and necessary in accordance with District procedures. Every time a person is removed from a youth athletic activity under this rule, the Coach or activity leader, in accordance with District procedures, shall be responsible for completing all necessary reports and documentation regarding the incident and for notifying the person’s parent or guardian of the person’s injury, actions taken at the scene, and of the need for the student to be evaluated by a health care provider.

A person who has been removed from a youth athletic activity under this rule may not participate in a youth athletic activity until he or she has been both evaluated and cleared to return by a certified physician and has provided the School, District, or Recreation Department personnel with written clearance received from that physician to return to participation in that activity or any other physical activity.

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Immunity/Accountability

District policies, rules, procedures, protocols, and District expectations are to be adhered to and fully accountable for by all school personnel, all coaches, Recreation Department Program Leaders, and all contracted service providers.

Athletic Coaches, Recreation Department Program Leaders, or any other person operating a youth athletic activity who fail to remove a person from a youth athletic activity are immune from civil liability for any injury resulting from that omission unless it constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Any Coach, Recreation Program Manager, or staff member who authorizes a person to participate in a youth athletic activity is also immune from civil liability for any injury resulting from that act unless the act constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

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