

NWCCSAY CONCUSSION POLICY

I. ODOH CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET

The Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet for Youth Organization (hereinafter the "Information Sheet") shall be distributed to parents via a link on the NWCCSAY website and link on the NWCCSAY Online Registration website.

II. ONLINE CONCUSSION TRAINING

All coaches (including assistant coaches) and referees must take the concussion training online via the National Federation of High School (NFHS) coaches' website and email a copy of the completion certificate to NWCCSAY. No coach or assistant coach may participate in games or practice until the online training has been completed. A team's uniforms will not be provided to the head coach until NWCCSAY has received the completion certificates for the head coach and all assistant coaches.

III. REMOVAL FROM PLAY

Ohio's Return to Play law features three key rules that its leagues, coaches, referees, officials, and athletes and their families must abide by:

Rule One: Coaches, referees, or officials **shall** remove from play a player exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion during practice or a game.

Rule Two: The player cannot return to play on the same day that he or she is removed after exhibiting symptoms of a concussion.

Rule Three: The player is not permitted to return to play until he or she has been assessed by a physician or licensed health care provider and received **written** clearance.

IV. NOTICE TO NWCCSAY THAT A PLAYER WAS REMOVED

- A. If a player is removed for exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion during practice, the head coach **shall** report the removal via email to NWCCSAY.
- B. If a player is removed for exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion during a game, the referees **shall** note the player's name and jersey number on the score card and indicate the reason the player was removed.

IV. RETURN TO PLAY

If a player was removed for exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion during a practice or game, a coach shall not allow the player to practice or play in a game until NWCCSAY informs the head coach that the player is cleared to play. NWCCSAY's will not clear a player until the parent or guardian of the athlete (or player if at least 18 years old) provides NWCCSAY with written clearance from a physician or licensed health care provider.