

# Sideline Concussion Documentation

To be completed by coaching staff

Athlete's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age/grade: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## OBSERVATIONS

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue: \_\_\_\_\_ Current time: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of injury: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach  ATC  Parent  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did loss of consciousness occur?  Yes  No **If 'YES,' call 911.** Duration of LOC \_\_\_\_\_
2. Were seizures observed?  Yes  No **If 'YES,' call 911.** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Was vomiting observed?  Yes  No **If 'YES' and more than 1x, call 911.**
4. Injury description:  Fall  Hit head on other player  Hit head on ground/object  
 Struck by object
5. Location of impact: On the head:  Front  Left front  Right front  Left back  Right back  Back  
Other location:  Neck  Indirect force
6. Last memory before the impact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duration of time between memory and impact: \_\_\_\_\_)
7. First memory after the impact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duration of time between impact and memory: \_\_\_\_\_)

## FUNCTION

1. Oriented to:  self  location  score  opponent  last play
2. Does athlete stagger, sway, stumble or appear uncoordinated?  Yes  No
3. Are athlete's eyes having difficulty tracking, and/or do pupils look unequal?  Yes  No
4. Does athlete seem dazed or appear to be responding slowly or acting differently than usual?  
 Yes  No

## Monitoring Symptoms

Ask athlete to rate each symptom immediately after the injury, 15 minutes after, and 30 minutes after, using a scale of 0 to 3:

- ▶ 0 – none
- ▶ 1 – a little
- ▶ 2 – medium
- ▶ 3 – a lot

Enter the rating in each box for each symptom at the time intervals listed.

Symptom	Immediately	15 min after	30 min after
Headache			
Dizziness			
Vision changes			
Light sensitivity			
Noise sensitivity			
Neck pain			
Feeling distracted			
Fatigue			
Tingling/loss of movement			
Feeling foggy/cloudy/out of it			
Difficulty remembering			
Upset/emotional			



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Dear Physician,

This athlete has been referred to you due to a suspected concussion sustained during play. Please evaluate this athlete to determine if he/she sustained a concussion, review the graduated, step-wise return-to-participation progression below, and make your medical recommendations. Thank you for your assistance.

Additional information can be found at: [www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/physicians\\_tool\\_kit.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/physicians_tool_kit.html)

**Have you determined that this athlete sustained a concussion?**

No (skip to bottom of page and sign)  Yes (next section)

### GRADUATED, STEP-WISE RETURN-TO-PARTICIPATION PROGRESSION

- 1. No activity:** Complete rest, both physical and cognitive. This may include staying home from school or limiting school hours and/or homework since activities requiring concentration and attention may worsen symptoms and delay recovery.
- 2. Light aerobic exercise:** Low-intensity walking or stationary bike riding; no weight lifting or resistance training.

**Before progressing to the next stage, athlete must be healthy enough to return to school full time.**

- 3. Sport-specific exercise:** Begin sprinting, dribbling basketball or soccer ball, etc.; no helmet or equipment, no head-impact activities.
- 4. Non-contact training:** Begin more complex drills in full equipment, weight training or resistance training.

**Physician release must be obtained before to progressing to Steps 5 and 6.**

- 5. Full-contact practice:** Participate in normal training activities.
- 6. Unrestricted return-to-participation/full competition** (also complete "Return to Participation" form)

The athlete should spend a minimum of one day at each step. If symptoms recur, the athlete must stop the activity, rest for at least 24 hours and then resume activity one step **below** where he/she was. **A graduated return applies to all activities, including academics, electronics, sports, riding bikes, PE classes, chores, playing with friends, etc.**

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN

- This athlete **may NOT** return to any sport activity until medically cleared.
- Athlete should **remain home from school** to rest and recover until next follow up with physician on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- Please **allow classroom accommodations**, such as extra time on tests, a quiet room to take tests, and a reduced workload when possible. Additional recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Athlete **may begin a graduated return at the stage circled above.**

Physician's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_