

Concussion Management Policy
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Purpose

The Board of Trustees of Provident Charter School (the “School”) recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of students participating in the School’s athletic programs. This policy has been developed to provide guidance for prevention, detection and treatment of concussions sustained by students while participating in an athletic activity.

Definitions

Appropriate medical professional shall mean all of the following:

- (1) A licensed physician who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.
- (2) A licensed or certified health care professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and designated by a licensed physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.
- (3) A licensed psychologist neuropsychologically trained in the evaluation and management of concussions or who has postdoctoral training in neuropsychology and specific training in the evaluation and management of concussions.

Athletic activity shall mean all of the following:

- (1) Interscholastic athletics.
- (2) An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the school, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations.
- (3) Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the school.
- (4) Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

Guidelines

Information to Athletes and Families

- (1) Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, the CEO or designee will provide to the parents/guardians of all student athletes Department of Health and Department of Education informational materials regarding Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury.

- (2) The CEO or designee will require the parent/guardian of each student athlete to sign and return an acknowledgement of receipt and review of the informational materials before the student may participate in an athletic activity. See attached forms.
- (3) Any students wishing to participate in an athletic activity for the first time during the course of the school year shall also receive the informational materials and must have their parents/guardians sign the acknowledgment form prior to participation.

Removal from Play and Return

- (1) Removal. A Student who exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion or traumatic brain injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed by the coach from participation at that time.
- (2) The above determination shall be made by a game official, coach from the School's team, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician, licensed physical therapist, or other official designated by the School.
- (3) Return to Play. Before the student may again participate in an athletic activity, he/she must be evaluated by, and cleared for return to participation, by an appropriate medical professional. The clearance must be in writing and submitted to the CEO or designee prior to the student's return to play.

Training for Coaches

- (1) Once each school year, all coaches shall complete the concussion management certification training course offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Federation of State High School Associations or another provider approved by the Department of Health.
- (2) Each coach must submit to the CEO or designee documentation evidencing that he/she completed the concussion management certification training course.
- (3) No coach will be permitted to coach an athletic activity until he/she submits the above documentation.

Penalties

A coach found in violation of the provisions of this policy related to removal from play and return to play shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (1) For a first violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season.
- (2) For a second violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for the next season.
- (3) For a third violation, permanent suspension from coaching any athletic activity.