## SAVE THE BRAIN

## RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL FOLLOWING CONCUSSION

| Athlete's name |   |  | Date of concussion   |  |
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| If asym        | ptomatic, advance sta   | ages every: (12 and under  | ) 🗆 72 hours (13 and older) 🗆 24 hours   | (other)hours   |
| sleep an       | d have health care providoms return after advanc  | der clearance.   | nptom-free (normal) without any new medicat<br>nlete should go back one stage and follow the a<br>nsed health care provider.   |  |
| Stage          | Activity  | Permitted Activities   | Examples/Guidelines  | Student/Monitor<br>Acknowledgment of<br>Stage Completion |
| 0              | 48 Hours of Rest  | <ul><li>Sleep.</li><li>Quiet activities that do not worsen symptoms.</li><li>Limit technology.</li></ul>   | The key to recovery from a concussion is<br>initial rest followed by a gradual increase<br>in brain and body activity, as long as<br>symptoms do not worsen.   | student initials/date  monitor initials/date             |
| 1              | Symptom Limited<br>Active Rest  | <ul> <li>Limit or avoid all activities that cause or aggravate symptoms.</li> <li>May start before returning to school/social activities.</li> </ul>           | <ul> <li>Time-limited social activities.</li> <li>Casual walking, easy daily activities (bathing, cleaning).</li> <li>No jogging, lifting, or activities that increase effort/breathing.</li> </ul>                          | Student completed this stage with no symptoms.           |
|                |   |  |  | monitor initials/date                                    |
| STOF           | until able to return to   | o school with health care p  | orovider clearance. Return to Learn Proto  | col must be complete.                                    |
| Ihi            | health ca   | are provider before progress   | urn to Play Protocol. He/she must receive fi<br>sing to Stage 6 or participating in competi<br>Date:   |  |
| 2              | Light Aerobic<br>Exercise<br>Very light to<br>moderate activity                                       | <ul> <li>Pulse below 70% of max</li> <li>20 minute increments<br/>of walking, elliptical,<br/>stationary bike</li> <li>No lifting.</li> </ul>                  | <ul> <li>Able to talk while exercising.</li> <li>Start to sweat while monitoring symptoms carefully.</li> <li>Intensity is very light to moderate effort.</li> </ul>   | student initials/date monitor initials/date              |
| 3              | Moderate Exercise Non-contact drills, lower speed, moderate to some- what hard effort                 | <ul> <li>Light lifting</li> <li>Non-contact drills and<br/>activities at reduced<br/>speed.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Increased intensity and speed.</li> <li>Somewhat hard effort, heart rate up to 80% of max in 20-40 min. increments.</li> <li>Off to the side exercising during practice or event/class.</li> </ul>                  | student initials/date monitor initials/date              |
| 4              | Non-contact Training<br>Full Speed<br>Heavy activity, school<br>and cognitive func-<br>tion is normal | <ul> <li>No contact.</li> <li>Heavier lifting.</li> <li>Full aerobic activity.</li> <li>100% effort.</li> <li>30-60 minutes of continuous movement.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>May participate in non-contact sport practice/PE class.</li> <li>No game scrimmage or drills against other players.</li> <li>Sport specific drills (dribbling, shooting, cones, jumping, sprints, etc.).</li> </ul> | student initials/date  monitor initials/date             |
| 5              | Full-contact Training All non-game/non- event activities  | All activities are permitted.  | <ul> <li>No symptoms before or after exercise.</li> <li>Concussion scores back to baseline.</li> <li>Full contact practice.</li> <li>No game or event.</li> </ul>  | student initials/date monitor initials/date              |
|                | ST  | OP until health care provic  | der fills out Release to Participate Form.   |  |
| 6              | <b>Full Return to Play</b> Game activities  | Fully cleared by health care provider to return to   | 100% effort.     Game ready.   |  |

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