Brain Injury Alliance

CONCUSSION FACTS

SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE:

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not "feeling right" or is "feeling down"

SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF:

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

IF YOU SUSPECT THAT AN ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION, YOU SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

HEADS UP ACTION PLAN:

1. Remove the athlete from play.
2. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury.
3. Obtain permission from an appropriate health care professional that states the athlete can return to play.
4. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says they are symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

STAFF AVAILABLE DURING

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

STAFF AVAILABLE DURING

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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