



Concussion Policy

A participant who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or a head injury in a practice, game or competition shall be removed from practice, play or competition at that time based on evaluation and determination by the Head Coach. However, if an official qualified medical professional is on site and available to render such evaluation, that person shall always have final authority as to removal or return to play of the participant.

When an official qualified medical professional is not present, and a parent or guardian of the injured player is serving as head coach, the final authority on removal of a participant shall rest with the OSAA President, the individual sport's commissioner or the top ranking assistant head coach; whoever is present and highest in the chain of command.

Any OSAA participant who has been removed from practice, play or competition due to a head injury or suspected concussion may not return to OSAA activities until the participant has been evaluated by a currently licensed medical professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and receives written clearance to return to play from that licensed practitioner.

OSAA recommends that all decisions be made in the best interest of the children and that when any doubt exists as to the health of the participants, they sit out. Please check www.cdc.gov/concussion for Center for Disease Control (CDC) signs and symptoms chart for concussions.