



Head Injury Guidelines

Designated Person(s)

In accordance with the requirements set out in *Rowan's Law* and its associated regulation, every sport organization is required to identify a designated person(s) as having specific responsibilities under the removal-from-sport and return-to-sport protocols. The responsibilities for the designated person(s) may be shared between one or more individuals. If your sport organization has more than one designated person(s), please ensure that each designate is clear about who has what responsibility under the Removal-from-Sport protocol and the Return-to-Sport protocol.

Under the Removal-from-Sport protocol for Central York Girls Hockey Association, the designated person(s) is/are responsible for ensuring that:

- An athlete is immediately removed from further training, practice or competition if the athlete has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion, regardless of whether or not the concussion was sustained from a sport activity associated with Central York Girls Hockey Association;
- If in the opinion of the designated person(s), there is an emergency and/or any red flag signs and/or symptoms appear – including those resulting from a suspected concussion, call 911;
- Removal of the athlete from further training, practice or competition; and if the athlete is under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian is informed of the removal;
- The athlete, or the parent or guardian if the athlete is under 18 years of age, is advised that the athlete is required to undergo a medical assessment by a physician or nurse practitioner before the athlete will be permitted to return to training, practice or competition according to the Return-to-Sport protocol for Central York Girls Hockey Association;
- An athlete or, if the athlete is under 18 years of age, the athlete's parent or guardian receives the Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for Central York Girls Hockey Association as soon as possible after the athlete's removal;
- Once removed, the athlete is not permitted to return to training, practice or competition, except in accordance with **Central York Girls Hockey Association** Return-to-Sport protocol;

Under the Return-to-Sport protocol for Central York Girls Hockey Association, the designated person(s) is/are responsible for ensuring that:

- An athlete who has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion does not return to training, practice or competition until permitted to do so in accordance with the Central York Girls Hockey Association Return-to-Sport protocol;
- When an athlete has **not** been diagnosed with a concussion, the athlete is only permitted to return to training, practice or competition if the athlete or, if the athlete is under 18 years of age, the athlete's parent or guardian provides confirmation to the designated person(s) about the outcome of the athlete's medical assessment, specifically that the athlete:
 - has undergone a medical assessment by the physician or nurse practitioner and has **not** been diagnosed as having a concussion, and
 - has been medically cleared to return to training, practice or competition by a physician or nurse practitioner;
- When an athlete **is** diagnosed by a physician or nurse practitioner as having a concussion, the athlete is not permitted to move on to Step 5, unrestricted training, practice or competition unless the athlete or, if the athlete is under 18 years of age, the athlete's parent or guardian provides a confirmation of medical clearance by the physician or nurse practitioner to the designated person(s);
- An athlete is not permitted to return to training, practice or competition through Central York Girls Hockey Association graduated Return-to-Sport steps unless the athlete or, if the athlete is under 18 years of age, the athlete's parent or guardian has shared the medical advice or recommendations they received, if any, with the designated person(s);
- When an athlete is diagnosed by a physician or nurse practitioner as having a concussion, the athlete or, if the athlete is under 18 years of age, the athlete's parent/guardian has been informed of the importance of disclosing the diagnosis to any other sport organization with which the athlete is registered or school that the athlete attends.

The regulation states that a designated person(s) may rely on the information received from an athlete or, if the athlete is under 18 years of age, from the athlete's parent or guardian in carrying out their responsibilities under Central York Girls Hockey Association Return-to-Sport protocol.

The following individual(s) is/are recognized by Central York Girls Hockey Association as the “designated person(s)” with respect to Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for Central York Girls Hockey Association:

Name of Designated person(s):

Date:

Term of designation:
