

**RESPONSE TO SUSPECTED CONCUSSIONS
(STUDENT ATHLETES)**
(Regulation)

- 1) The District Athletic Director shall be responsible for ensuring that each coach (including volunteer coaches) of a youth athletic activity that involves interscholastic play completes an annual concussion recognition education course. The concussion recognition education course shall include the following:
 - a. Information on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion;
 - b. The necessity of obtaining proper medical attention for a person suspected of having a concussion; and
 - c. Information on the nature and risk of concussions, including the danger of continuing to play after sustaining a concussion and the proper method of allowing a youth athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to athletic activity.
- 2) An organization or association of which the district is a member may designate specific education courses as sufficient to meet the requirements of subsection (1).
- 3) If a coach who is required to complete concussion recognition education pursuant to subsection (1) of this section suspects that a youth athlete has sustained a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body in a game, competition, or practice, the coach shall immediately remove the athlete from the game, competition, or practice.
- 4) If a youth athlete is removed from play pursuant to subsection (3) and the signs and symptoms cannot be readily explained by a condition other than concussion, the school coach shall notify the athlete's parent or legal guardian and shall not permit the youth athlete to return to play or participate in any supervised team activities involving physical exertion, including games, competitions, or practices, until he or she is evaluated by a health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from the health care provider. The health care provider evaluating a youth athlete suspected of having a concussion or brain injury may be a volunteer.
- 5) After a concussed athlete has been evaluated and received clearance to return to play from a health care provider, the District may allow a registered athletic trainer with specific knowledge of the athlete's condition to manage the athlete's graduated return to play.
- 6) The student's coach or Athletic Trainer is encouraged to engage in follow up parent communication after medical treatment for concussion symptoms.

CROSS REFS.: JLCG-R, Regulation to Policy JLCG, Response to Suspected Concussions/Student Athletes
JLCG-R-2, Regulation to Policy JLCG, Response to Suspected Concussions/Students

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 25-43-101 through 103 (the Jake Snakenburg Youth Concussion Act)