

Example of what the paperwork looks like when an athlete has signs/symptoms – presenting with a possible concussion and needs further medical evaluation by a LHCP (licensed health care provider) that is licensed under article 1 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes to diagnose and treat a possible concussion.

Example: MD/DO/PA-C

The “NCHSAA concussion injury history” page is filled out by Licensed Athletic Trainer, First Responder, Coach, Parent, Other AND IS TO BE given (along with any other documentation of injury) to the licensed LHCP that is to follow up with further medical care, diagnose, and treatment of the injured athlete.



NCHSAA Concussion Injury History

Student-Athlete's Name: _____ Sport: _____ Male/Female

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Injury: _____ School: _____

Following the injury, did the athlete experience:	Circle one	Duration (write number/circle appropriate)	Comments
Loss of consciousness or unresponsiveness?	YES NO	_____ seconds / minutes / hours	<p>This whole page is all information & any comments is to be filled out by either an licensed athletic trainer, first responder, coach, parent, other regarding student-athletes injury & current signs, symptoms, other. And this info and any other info is to be given to LHCP (ex: MD/DO/PA-D) for further medical evaluation.</p>
Seizure or convulsive activity?	YES NO	_____ seconds / minutes / hours	
Balance problems/unsteadiness?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Dizziness?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Headache?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Nausea?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Emotional Instability (abnormal laughing, crying, anger?)	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Confusion?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Difficulty concentrating?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Vision problems?	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	
Other	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / weeks / continues	

Describe how the injury occurred: _____

Additional details: _____

Name of person completing Injury History: _____

Contact Information: Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Injury History Section completed by: Licensed Athletic Trainer, First Responder, Coach, Parent, Other (Please Circle)

Example of what the paperwork looks like IF
the athlete is to be held out of school
until (XX date).

Need to be filled out, initialed, and signed by
the LHCP (licensed health care provider) that is
diagnosing and treating the concussion.

Example: MD/DO/PA-C

* Please fill out the (*) below. / This is the example of what the paperwork looks like IF the athlete is to be held out of school until follow-up appointment or until a certain date.



Licensed Health Care Provider Concussion Evaluation Recommendations

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Name of Athlete: _____ DOB: _____ Date of Evaluation: _____

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RETURN TO SCHOOL:

PLEASE NOTE →

- The North Carolina State Board of Education approved "Return-To- Learn after Concussion" policy to address learning and educational needs for students following a concussion.
- A sample of accommodations is found on the LHCP Concussion Return to Learn Recommendations page.

SCHOOL (ACADEMICS):

(LHCP identified below should check all recommendations that apply.)

- Out of school until Date Here (date). (LHCP Initial: Here Date: Here)
- Return for further evaluation on ____/____/20 (date). LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____
- May return to school on ____/____/20 (date) with accommodations as selected on the LHCP Concussion Return to Learn Recommendations page. LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____
- May return to school now with no accommodations needed. LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO SPORTS:

PLEASE NOTE →

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SPORTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

(LHCP identified below should check all recommendations that apply.)

- Not cleared for sports at this time.
- Not cleared for physical education at this time.
- May do light physical education that poses no risk of head trauma such (i.e. walking laps).
- May start RTP Protocol under appropriate monitoring and may return to PE activities after completion.
- Must return to the examining LHCP for clearance before returning to sports/physical education.
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Comment: _____

LHCP sign - example: MD/DO/PA-C
Signature of MD, DO, LAT, PA, NP, Neuropsychologist (Please Circle)

Date: _____

Please Print Name _____

Office Address _____

Phone Number _____

The Licensed Health Care Provider above has delegated aspects of the student-athlete's care to the individual designated below.

IF appropriate for this case, if LAT/NP/PA-C/Neuropsychologist helps over see case this Date: _____

Signature of LAT, NP, PA-C, Neuropsychologist, First Responder (Please Circle)

Please Print Name _____

Office Address _____

would need to also be signed/filled out as well - If there is not any other then work not need to be filled out.
Phone Number _____

Example of what the paperwork looks like IF the athlete may return to school on (XX date) with return-to-learn accommodations.

NOTE – the “licensed health care provider concussion evaluation recommendations” page AND THE “return-to-learn recommendations” page – BOTH MUST be filled out.

BOTH PAGES NEED to be filled out, initialed, and signed by the LHCP (licensed health care provider) that is diagnosing and treating the concussion. Example: MD/DO/PA-C

* Please fill out the (*) below - / Example of what the paperwork looks like IF the athlete may return to school on Date here & return to learn accommodations.



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Comment: _____

(*) LHCP Sign - example: MD/DO/PA-C
Signature of MD, DO, LAT, PA, NP, Neuropsychologist (Please Circle)

(*) Date: _____

(*) Please Print Name _____

(*) Office Address _____

(*) Phone Number _____

The Licensed Health Care Provider above has delegated aspects of the student-athlete's care to the individual designated below.

IF appropriate for this case, if LAT/NP/PA-C/Neuropsychologist helps over-see case this would Date: _____

Signature of LAT, NP, PA-C, Neuropsychologist, First Responder (Please Circle)

Please Print Name _____

Office Address _____

need to also be signed/filled out as well, if there is not any other then would not need to be filled out.

Phone Number _____

Example of what also needs to be filled out (along a Licensed Health Care Provider Concussion Evaluation recommendations "page") - in the appropriate corresponding box marked [X]

Licensed Health Care Provider Concussion Return-To-Learn Recommendations

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Name of Athlete: [Name of athlete here] DOB: [DOB here] Date: [Date here]

Following a concussion, most individuals typically need some degree of cognitive and physical rest to facilitate and expedite recovery. Activities such as reading, watching TV or movies, playing video games, working/playing on the computer and/or texting require cognitive effort and can worsen symptoms during the acute period after concussion. Navigating academic requirements and a school setting present a challenge to a recently concussed student-athlete. A Return-To-Learn policy facilitates a gradual progression of cognitive demand for student-athletes in a learning environment. Licensed Health Care Providers should consider whether academic and school modifications may help expedite recovery and lower symptom burden. It is important to review academic/school situation for each student athlete and identify educational accommodations that may be beneficial.

Educational accommodations that may be helpful are listed below.

LHCP (Example: MD/DO/PA-C) is to check all that apply.

Return to school with the following supports:

Length of Day

- Shortened day. Recommended ___ hours per day until re-evaluated or (date) _____.
- ≤ 4 hours per day in class (consider alternating days of morning/afternoon classes to maximize class participation)
- Shortened classes (i.e. rest breaks during classes). Maximum class length of ___ minutes.
- Use _____ class as a study hall in a quiet environment.
- Check for the return of symptoms when doing activities that require a lot of attention or concentration.

Extra Time

- Allow extra time to complete coursework/assignments and tests.
- Take rest breaks during the day as needed (particularly if symptoms recur).

Homework

- Lessen homework by ___ % per class, or ___ minutes/class; or to a maximum of ___ minutes nightly, no more than ___ minutes continuous.

Testing

- No significant classroom or standardized testing at this time, as this does not reflect the patient's true abilities.
- Limited classroom testing allowed. No more than ___ questions and/or ___ total time.
 - Student is able to take quizzes or tests but no bubble sheets.
 - Student able to take tests but should be allowed extra time to complete.
- Limit test and quiz taking to no more than one per day.
- May resume regular test taking.

Vision

- Lessen screen time (SMART board, computer, videos, etc.) to a maximum ___ minutes per class AND no more than ___ continuous minutes (with 5-10 minute break in between). This includes reading notes off screens.
- Print class notes and online assignments (14 font or larger recommended) to allow to keep up with online work.
- Allow student to wear sunglasses or hat with bill worn forward to reduce light exposure.

Environment

- Provide alternative setting during band or music class (outside of that room).
- Provide alternative setting during PE and/or recess to avoid noise exposure and risk of injury (out of gym).
- Allow early class release for class transitions to reduce exposure to hallway noise/activity.
- Provide alternative location to eat lunch outside of cafeteria.
- Allow the use of earplugs when in noisy environment.
- Patient should not attend athletic practice
- Patient is allowed to be present but not participate in practice, limited to ___ hours

Additional Recommendations:

Example of what the paperwork looks like when the athlete is in school FULL TIME (again) WITHOUT ANY accommodations; and is FULLY asymptomatic at school and at rest.

And when the LHCP (licensed health care provider) (Example: MD/DO/PA-C) that is diagnosing and treating the concussion feels it is appropriate for the athlete to start the gradual return-to-play protocol (RTP) the NCHSAA concussion return-to-play protocol page ALSO NEEDS to be filled out.

* Please fill out the (*) below. / Example of when athlete is in school full time & any academic accommodations. Fully asymptomatic at school and at rest. And LHCP (example MD/DO/PA-C) feels it's appropriate for athlete to start the gradual return to play protocol (RTP).

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RETURN TO SCHOOL:

PLEASE NOTE →

SCHOOL (ACADEMICS) (LHCP identified below should check all recommendations that apply.)

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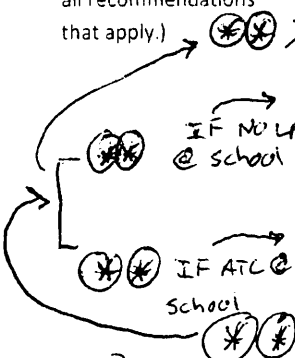
RETURN TO SPORTS:

PLEASE NOTE →

SPORTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION: (LHCP identified below should check all recommendations that apply.)

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Comment: Return to play form still needs to be signed by LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C)

LHCP Sign - example: MD/DO/PA-C _____ Date: _____
Signature of MD, DO, LAT, PA, NP, Neuropsychologist (Please Circle)

Please Print Name _____
Office Address _____

Phone Number _____

The Licensed Health Care Provider above has delegated aspects of the student-athlete's care to the individual designated below. To be filled out/signed by LAT/NP/PA-C/Neuropsychologist/or first responder under the supervision/

Signature of LAT, NP, PA-C, Neuropsychologist, First Responder (Please Circle) _____
Please Print Name _____
Office Address _____

direction of LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C) that is over seeing/caring for the case. The LAT/NP/PA-C/Neuropsychologist/or first responder in this section is ONLY over seeing/monitoring the NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play (RTP) protocol who is under the supervision/direction of LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C).

Example of what also needs to be filled out (along with Licensed Health Care Provider Concussion evaluation recommendations" form, when LHCP (example MD/DO/PA-C) is allowing student-athlete to start the gradual return to play protocol (RTP).



* please fill out below.



NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play Protocol

*The NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play (RTP) Protocol is **REQUIRED** to be completed in its entirety for any concussed student-athlete before they are released to resume full participation in athletics. A step-by-step progression of physical and cognitive exertion is widely accepted as the appropriate approach to ensure a concussion has resolved, and that a student-athlete can return to athletics safely. The NCHSAA Concussion (RTP) Protocol has been designed using this step-by-step progression

*The NCHSAA Concussion (RTP) Protocol can be monitored by any of the following Licensed Health Care Providers (LHCP): Licensed Physician (MD/DO), Licensed Athletic Trainer, Licensed Physician Assistant, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, or a Licensed Neuropsychologist. A First Responder may monitor the RTP Protocol if a LHCP is unavailable.

*After monitored completion of each stage without provocation/recurrence of signs and/or symptoms, a student-athlete is allowed to advance to the next stage of activity. The length of time for each stage is at least 24 hours.

Name of Student- Athlete: _____ Sport: _____ Male/Female

DOB: _____ Date of Injury: _____ Date Concussion Diagnosed: _____

Leave blank - for whom is overseeing RTP will fill out this part

STAGE	EXERCISE	GOAL	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS	MONITORED BY
1	20-30 min of cardio activity: walking, stationary bike.	Perceived intensity/exertion: Light Activity			
2	30 min of cardio activity: jogging at medium pace. Body weight resistance exercise (e.g. push-ups, lunge walks) with minimal head rotation x 25 each.	Perceived intensity/exertion: Moderate Activity			
3	30 minutes of cardio activity: running at fast pace, incorporate intervals. Increase repetitions of body weight resistance exercise (e.g. sit-ups, push-ups, lunge walks) x 50 each. Sport-specific agility drills in three planes of movement.	Perceived intensity/exertion: Hard Activity, changes of direction with increased head and eye movement			
4	Participate in non-contact practice drills. Warm-up and stretch x 10 minutes. Intense, <u>non-contact</u> , sport-specific agility drills x 30-60 minutes.	Perceived intensity/exertion: High/Maximum Effort Activity			
First Responder Verification	If the RTP Protocol has been monitored by a First Responder (FR) then the FR must sign below attesting that they have reviewed the progress of this student-athlete (S-A) through stage 4 electronically, by phone, or in person with the Licensed Health Care Provider (LHCP) and that the S-A was cleared by the LHCP to complete stage 5. FR Signature: <u>NO athletic trainer @ school</u> Date: <u>here</u>				
5	Participate in full practice. If in a contact sport, controlled contact practice allowed.				
LHCP signs RTP Form	The LHCP overseeing the student-athlete's (S-A) care is notified that the S-A remained asymptomatic after stage 5 was completed. The Return to Play (RTP) Form MUST be signed before the S-A is allowed to resume full participation in athletics. If signs or symptoms occur after stage 5 the S-A MUST return to the LHCP overseeing the S-A's care.				

The individual who monitored the student-athlete's (RTP) Protocol **MUST** sign and date below when stage 5 is successfully completed.

By signing below, I attest that I have monitored the above named student-athlete's return to play protocol through stage 5.

Signature of Licensed Physician, Licensed Athletic Trainer, Licensed Physician Assistant,
Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Neuropsychologist, or First Responder (Please Circle)

Date

Please Print Name

Once the athlete has appropriately/gradually progressed through stages 1-4 under the care and appropriate monitoring by MD/DO/PA-C/LAT/NP/Neuropsychologist/or first responder MUST contact the LHCP (licensed health care provider) that is diagnosing and treating the concussion (Example: MD/DO/PA-C). If the athlete's progression is still FULLY asymptomatic at ALL times with and without ALL physical/mental activity;

Once the LHCP (licensed health care provider) that is diagnosing and treating the concussion (Example: MD/DO/PA-C) has been able to review the case and feels it is appropriate to progress from stage 4 to stage 5; (and athlete remains FULLY symptoms free) may advance to stage 6 resuming FULL athletic participation the "Return to Play Form" NEEDS to be filled out and signed by the LHCP (licensed health care provider) that is diagnosing and treating the concussion (Example: MD/DO/PA-C). Then the "Return to Play form" is returned/faxed to person that the athlete's RTP is being monitored by.

(*) LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C) that is over seeing/caring for case is to fill out and sign when at that appropriate point = RTP and LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C) feels student-athlete can return to all sports (unless written otherwise) 3 restrictions



RETURN TO PLAY FORM:

CONCUSSION MEDICAL CLEARANCE RELEASING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE TO RESUME FULL PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS

This form must be signed by one of the following examining Licensed Health Care Providers (LHCP) identified in the Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act before the student-athlete is allowed to resume full participation in athletics: Licensed Physician (MD/DO), Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT), Licensed Physician Assistant (PA), Licensed Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Licensed Neuropsychologist. This form must be signed by the student-athlete's parent/legal custodian giving their consent before their child resumes full participation in athletics.

(*) Name of Student-Athlete: _____ (*) Sport: _____ (*) Male/Female
 (*) DOB: _____ (*) Date of Injury: _____ (*) Date Concussion Diagnosed: _____

This is to certify that the above-named student-athlete has been evaluated and treated for a concussion and that the Return to Play Protocol was monitored by:

(*) LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C) Here → at _____ Name of school Here →
 (Print Name of Person and Credential) (Print Name of School)

As the examining LHCP, I attest that the above-named student-athlete is now reporting to be completely free of all clinical signs and reports he/she is entirely symptom-free at rest and with both full cognitive and full exertional/physical stress and that the above-named student-athlete has successfully completed the required NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play Protocol through stage 5. By signing below therefore, I give the above-named student-athlete consent to resume full participation in athletics.

It is critical that the medical professional ultimately releasing this student-athlete to return to athletics after a concussion has appropriate expertise and training in concussion management. The NCHSAA, therefore, STRONGLY RECOMMENDS that in concussion cases, Licensed Athletic Trainers, Licensed Physician Assistants, Licensed Nurse Practitioners, consult with their supervising physician before signing this Return To Play Form, as per their respective state statutes.

(*) LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C) sign Here _____ Date → _____
 Signature of Licensed Physician, Licensed Athletic Trainer, Licensed Physician Assistant, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Neuropsychologist (Please Circle) Date

Fill out [_____ Please Print Name _____
 _____ Please Print Office Address _____ (*) Phone Number _____

Parent/Legal Custodian Consent for Their Child to Resume Full Participation in Athletics

I am aware that the NCHSAA **REQUIRES** the consent of a child's parent or legal custodian prior to them resuming full participation in athletics after having been evaluated and treated for a concussion. I acknowledge that the Licensed Health Care Provider above has overseen the treatment of my child's concussion and has given their consent for my child to resume full participation in athletics. By signing below, I hereby give my consent for my child to resume full participation in athletics.

[Parent/Legal custodian is to read/sign/fill out this part ONLY if giving their full consent for student-athlete to fully return to sports participation (unless written other wise by LHCP (example: MD/DO/PA-C)).

Signature of Parent/Legal Custodian _____ Date _____
 Please Print Name and Relationship to Student-Athlete _____
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All completed/updated documents, any additional notes/records, and signed forms, (Example: NCHSAA concussion return-to-play protocol page and Return to Play form) will be faxed or delivered/etc. to the LHCP (Example: MD/DO/PA-C) ASAP for the LHCP to keep for their medical records on file.

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NC State concussion packet

Blank form attached



NCHSAA Concussion Injury History

Student-Athlete's Name: _____ Sport: _____ Male/Female

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Injury: _____ School: _____

Following the injury, did the athlete experience:	Circle one	Duration (write number/circle appropriate)	Comments
<i>Loss of consciousness or unresponsiveness?</i>	YES NO	_____ seconds / minutes / _____ hours	
<i>Seizure or convulsive activity?</i>	YES NO	_____ seconds / minutes / _____ hours	
<i>Balance problems/unsteadiness?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Dizziness?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Headache?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Nausea?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Emotional Instability (abnormal laughing, crying, anger?)</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks/ continues	
<i>Confusion?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Difficulty concentrating?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Vision problems?</i>	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	
<i>Other</i> _____	YES NO	_____ minutes / hrs / days / _____ weeks /continues	

Describe how the injury occurred: _____

Additional details: _____

Name of person completing Injury History: _____

Contact Information: Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Injury History Section completed by: Licensed Athletic Trainer, First Responder, Coach, Parent, Other (Please Circle)



Licensed Health Care Provider Concussion Evaluation Recommendations

Licensed Health Care Providers (LHCP) are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** by the NCHSAA to have expertise and training in concussion management. LHCPs include the following individuals: Licensed Physician (MD/DO), Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT), Licensed Physician Assistant (PA), Licensed Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Licensed Neuropsychologist.

Name of Athlete: _____ DOB: _____ Date of Evaluation: _____

All NCHSAA member school student-athletes diagnosed with a concussion are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to have input and signature from a physician (MD/DO who is licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes and has expertise and training in concussion management) before being cleared to resume full participation in athletics. Due to the need to monitor concussions for recurrence of signs & symptoms with cognitive or physical stress, Emergency Room and Urgent Care physicians should not make clearance decisions at the time of first visit. All medical providers are encouraged to review the CDC site if they have questions regarding the latest information on the evaluation and care of the scholastic athlete following a concussion injury. Providers should refer to NC Session Law 2011-147, House Bill 792 Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act for requirements for clearance, and please initial any recommendations you select. (Adapted from the Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) care plan (<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/index.html>) and the NCHSAA concussion Return to Play Protocol.) The recommendations indicated below are based on today's evaluation.

RETURN TO SCHOOL:

PLEASE NOTE →

1. The North Carolina State Board of Education approved "Return-To- Learn after Concussion" policy to address learning and educational needs for students following a concussion.
2. A sample of accommodations is found on the LHCP Concussion Return to Learn Recommendations page.

SCHOOL (ACADEMICS):

(LHCP identified below should check all recommendations that apply.)

- Out of school until ____/____/20____ (date). LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____
- Return for further evaluation on ____/____/20____ (date). LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____
- May return to school on ____/____/20____ (date) with accommodations as selected on the LHCP Concussion Return to Learn Recommendations page. LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____
- May return to school now with no accommodations needed. LHCP Initial: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO SPORTS:

PLEASE NOTE →

A step-by-step progression of physical and cognitive exertion is widely accepted as the appropriate approach to ensure a concussion has resolved, and that a student-athlete can return to athletics safely. The NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play (RTP) Protocol, therefore, has been designed using a step-by-step progression and is **REQUIRED** to be completed in its entirety by any concussed student-athlete before they are released to full participation in athletics.

SPORTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

(LHCP identified below should check all recommendations that apply.)

- Not cleared for sports at this time.
- Not cleared for physical education at this time.
- May do light physical education that poses no risk of head trauma such (i.e. walking laps).
- May start RTP Protocol under appropriate monitoring and may return to PE activities after completion.
- Must return to the examining LHCP for clearance before returning to sports/physical education.
- May start the RTP Protocol under monitoring of **First Responder**. The examining LHCP must review progress of student-athlete through stage 4 and before beginning stage 5 either electronically, by phone, or in person and an additional office visit is not required unless otherwise indicated by the LHCP. If the student-athlete has remained free of signs/symptoms after stage 5 is completed, the LHCP must then sign the **RETURN TO PLAY FORM** before the student-athlete is allowed to resume full participation in athletics.
- May start the RTP Protocol under monitoring of **LHCP** and progress through all five stages with no office contact necessary unless required by examining LHCP. If student-athlete remains free of signs/symptoms the LHCP must sign the **RETURN TO PLAY FORM** before the student-athlete is allowed to resume full participation in athletics.

Comment: _____

Signature of MD, DO, LAT, PA, NP, Neuropsychologist (Please Circle)

Date: _____

Please Print Name _____

Office Address _____

Phone Number _____

The Licensed Health Care Provider above has delegated aspects of the student-athlete's care to the individual designated below.

Signature of LAT, NP, PA-C, Neuropsychologist, First Responder (Please Circle)

Date: _____

Please Print Name _____

Office Address _____

Phone Number _____



Licensed Health Care Provider Concussion Return-To-Learn Recommendations

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Name of Athlete: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Date:** _____

Following a concussion, most individuals typically need some degree of cognitive and physical rest to facilitate and expedite recovery. Activities such as reading, watching TV or movies, playing video games, working/playing on the computer and/or texting require cognitive effort and can worsen symptoms during the acute period after concussion. Navigating academic requirements and a school setting present a challenge to a recently concussed student-athlete. A Return-To-Learn policy facilitates a gradual progression of cognitive demand for student-athletes in a learning environment. Licensed Health Care Providers should consider whether academic and school modifications may help expedite recovery and lower symptom burden. It is important to review academic/school situation for each student athlete and identify educational accommodations that may be beneficial.

Educational accommodations that may be helpful are listed below.

Return to school with the following supports:

Length of Day

- Shortened day. Recommended ____ hours per day until re-evaluated or (date) _____.
- ≤ 4 hours per day in class (consider alternating days of morning/afternoon classes to maximize class participation)
- Shortened classes (i.e. rest breaks during classes). Maximum class length of ____ minutes.
- Use _____ class as a study hall in a quiet environment.
- Check for the return of symptoms when doing activities that require a lot of attention or concentration.

Extra Time

- Allow extra time to complete coursework/assignments and tests.
- Take rest breaks during the day as needed (particularly if symptoms recur).

Homework

- Lessen homework by ____ % per class, or ____ minutes/class; or to a maximum of ____ minutes nightly, no more than ____ minutes continuous.

Testing

- No significant classroom or standardized testing at this time, as this does not reflect the patient's true abilities.
- Limited classroom testing allowed. No more than ____ questions and/or ____ total time.
 - Student is able to take quizzes or tests but no bubble sheets.
 - Student able to take tests but should be allowed extra time to complete.
- Limit test and quiz taking to no more than one per day.
- May resume regular test taking.

Vision

- Lessen screen time (SMART board, computer, videos, etc.) to a maximum ____ minutes per class AND no more than ____ continuous minutes (with 5-10 minute break in between). This includes reading notes off screens.
- Print class notes and online assignments (14 font or larger recommended) to allow to keep up with online work.
- Allow student to wear sunglasses or hat with bill worn forward to reduce light exposure.

Environment

- Provide alternative setting during band or music class (outside of that room).
- Provide alternative setting during PE and/or recess to avoid noise exposure and risk of injury (out of gym).
- Allow early class release for class transitions to reduce exposure to hallway noise/activity.
- Provide alternative location to eat lunch outside of cafeteria.
- Allow the use of earplugs when in noisy environment.
- Patient should not attend athletic practice
- Patient is allowed to be present but not participate in practice, limited to ____ hours

Additional Recommendations:



NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play Protocol

*The NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play (RTP) Protocol is **REQUIRED** to be completed in its entirety for any concussed student-athlete before they are released to resume full participation in athletics. A step-by-step progression of physical and cognitive exertion is widely accepted as the appropriate approach to ensure a concussion has resolved, and that a student-athlete can return to athletics safely. The NCHSAA Concussion (RTP) Protocol has been designed using this step-by-step progression.

*The NCHSAA Concussion (RTP) Protocol can be monitored by any of the following Licensed Health Care Providers (LHCP): Licensed Physician (MD/DO), Licensed Athletic Trainer, Licensed Physician Assistant, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, or a Licensed Neuropsychologist. A First Responder may monitor the RTP Protocol if a LHCP is unavailable.

*After monitored completion of each stage without provocation/recurrence of signs and/or symptoms, a student-athlete is allowed to advance to the next stage of activity. The length of time for each stage is at least 24 hours.

Name of Student- Athlete: _____ Sport: _____ Male/Female

DOB: _____ Date of Injury: _____ Date Concussion Diagnosed: _____

STAGE	EXERCISE	GOAL	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS	MONITORED BY
1	20-30 min of cardio activity: walking, stationary bike.	Perceived intensity/exertion: Light Activity			
2	30 min of cardio activity: jogging at medium pace. Body weight resistance exercise (e.g. push-ups, lunge walks) with minimal head rotation x 25 each.	Perceived intensity/exertion: Moderate Activity			
3	30 minutes of cardio activity: running at fast pace, incorporate intervals. Increase repetitions of body weight resistance exercise (e.g. sit-ups, push-ups, lunge walks) x 50 each. Sport-specific agility drills in three planes of movement.	Perceived intensity/exertion: Hard Activity, changes of direction with increased head and eye movement			
4	Participate in non-contact practice drills. Warm-up and stretch x 10 minutes. Intense, <u>non-contact</u> , sport-specific agility drills x 30-60 minutes.	Perceived intensity/exertion: High/Maximum Effort Activity			
First Responder Verification	If the RTP Protocol has been monitored by a First Responder (FR) then the FR must sign below attesting that they have reviewed the progress of this student-athlete (S-A) through stage 4 electronically, by phone, or in person with the Licensed Health Care Provider (LHCP) and that the S-A was cleared by the LHCP to complete stage 5. <p style="text-align: center;">FR Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>				
5	Participate in full practice. If in a contact sport, controlled contact practice allowed.				
LHCP signs RTP Form	The LHCP overseeing the student-athlete's (S-A) care is notified that the S-A remained asymptomatic after stage 5 was completed. The Return to Play (RTP) Form MUST be signed before the S-A is allowed to resume full participation in athletics. If signs or symptoms occur after stage 5 the S-A MUST return to the LHCP overseeing the S-A's care.				

The individual who monitored the student-athlete's (RTP) Protocol **MUST** sign and date below when stage 5 is successfully completed.

By signing below, I attest that I have monitored the above named student-athlete's return to play protocol through stage 5.

Signature of Licensed Physician, Licensed Athletic Trainer, Licensed Physician Assistant,
Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Neuropsychologist, or First Responder (Please Circle)

Date

Please Print Name



**RETURN TO PLAY FORM:
CONCUSSION MEDICAL CLEARANCE RELEASING THE
STUDENT-ATHLETE TO
RESUME FULL PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS**

This form must be signed by one of the following examining Licensed Health Care Providers (LHCP) identified in the Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act before the student-athlete is allowed to resume full participation in athletics: Licensed Physician (MD/DO), Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT), Licensed Physician Assistant (PA), Licensed Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Licensed Neuropsychologist. This form must be signed by the student-athlete's parent/legal custodian giving their consent before their child resumes full participation in athletics.

Name of Student-Athlete: _____ Sport: _____ Male/Female

DOB: _____ Date of Injury: _____ Date Concussion Diagnosed: _____

This is to certify that the above-named student-athlete has been evaluated and treated for a concussion and that the Return to Play Protocol was monitored by:

_____ at _____
(Print Name of Person and Credential) (Print Name of School)

As the examining LHCP, I attest that the above-named student-athlete is now reporting to be completely free of all clinical signs and reports he/she is entirely symptom-free at rest and with both full cognitive and full exertional/physical stress and that the above-named student-athlete has successfully completed the required NCHSAA Concussion Return to Play Protocol through stage 5. By signing below therefore, I give the above-named student-athlete consent to resume full participation in athletics.

It is critical that the medical professional ultimately releasing this student-athlete to return to athletics after a concussion has appropriate expertise and training in concussion management. The NCHSAA, therefore, STRONGLY RECOMMENDS that in concussion cases, Licensed Athletic Trainers, Licensed Physician Assistants, Licensed Nurse Practitioners, consult with their supervising physician before signing this Return To Play Form, as per their respective state statutes.

Signature of Licensed Physician, Licensed Athletic Trainer, Licensed Physician Assistant, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Neuropsychologist (Please Circle) _____
Date

Please Print Name

Please Print Office Address _____
Phone Number

Parent/Legal Custodian Consent for Their Child to Resume Full Participation in Athletics

I am aware that the NCHSAA **REQUIRES** the consent of a child's parent or legal custodian prior to them resuming full participation in athletics after having been evaluated and treated for a concussion. I acknowledge that the Licensed Health Care Provider above has overseen the treatment of my child's concussion and has given their consent for my child to resume full participation in athletics. By signing below, I hereby give my consent for my child to resume full participation in athletics.

Signature of Parent/Legal Custodian _____
Date

Please Print Name and Relationship to Student-Athlete