

DESIGNATED PERSON POLICY

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In accordance with the requirements 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 team 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.

For the purpose of this policy, "Participant" shall mean any individual taking part in a Welland Minor Baseball Association sanctioned activity, including athletes, coaches, umpires and volunteers.

Every training, practice and game must have a designated person present.

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Under the Removal-from-Sport protocol for Welland Minor Baseball Association, the designated person(s) is/are responsible for ensuring that:

- A participant is immediately removed from further training, practice, or game if the participant has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion, regardless of whether the concussion was sustained from a sport activity associated with Welland Minor Baseball 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 participant from further training, practice, or games; and if the participant is 18 years of age and under, the parent or guardian is informed of the removal.
- The participant, or the parent or guardian if the participant is 18 years of age and under, is advised that the participant is required to undergo a medical assessment by a physician or nurse practitioner before the participant will be permitted to return to training, practice, or games according to the Return-to-Sport protocol for Baseball Ontario and Welland Minor Baseball Association.
- A participant or, if the participant is 18 years of age and under, the participant's parent or guardian receives the Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for Baseball Ontario and Welland Minor Baseball Association as soon as possible after the participant's removal.
- Once removed, the participant is not permitted to return to training, practice or games, except in accordance with Welland Minor Baseball Association Return-to-Sport protocol.
- Whenever a participant is removed the designated person must immediately inform the Welland Minor Baseball Association Return To Sport Team by emailing: rts@wellandminorbaseball.ca. These emails will be replied to as soon as received and reviewed. The SUBJECT of this E-mail should be: REMOVAL FROM SPORT: (participant name)

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Under the Return-to-Sport protocol for Welland Minor Baseball Association, the designated person(s) is/are responsible for ensuring that:

- A participant who has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion does not return to training, practice, or games until permitted to do so in accordance with the Welland Minor Baseball Association Return-to-Sport protocol.
- When a participant has **not** been diagnosed with a concussion, the participant is only permitted to return to training, practice, or games if the participant or, if the participant is 18 years of age and under, the participant's parent or guardian provides confirmation to the designated person(s) about the outcome of the participant's medical assessment, specifically that the participant:
 - 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 games by a physician or nurse practitioner.
- When a participant **is** diagnosed by a physician or nurse practitioner as having a concussion, the participant is not permitted to move on to unrestricted training, practice or games unless the participant or, if the participant is 18 years of age and under, the participant's parent or guardian provides a confirmation of medical clearance by the physician or nurse practitioner to the designated person(s);
- A participant is not permitted to return to training, practice or games through Welland Minor Baseball Association graduated Return-to-Sport steps unless the participant or, if the participant is 18 years of age and under, the participant's parent or guardian has shared the medical advice or recommendations they received, if any, with the designated person(s).
- When a participant is diagnosed by a physician or nurse practitioner as having a concussion, the participant or, if the participant is 18 years of age and under, the participant's parent/guardian has been informed of the importance of disclosing the diagnosis to any other sport organization with which the participant is registered or school that the participant attends.
- Whenever a participant is cleared by the designated person, they must immediately inform the Welland Minor Baseball Association Return To Sport Team by emailing: rts@wellandminorbaseball.ca. These emails will be replied to as soon as received and reviewed. The SUBJECT of this E-mail should be: RETURN TO SPORT: (participant name)

The regulation states that a designated person(s) may rely on the information received from a participant or, if the participant is 18 years of age and under, from the participant's parent or guardian in carrying out their responsibilities under Welland Minor Baseball Association Return-to-Sport protocol.

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Effective immediately and for the _____ Baseball Season the following individual(s) is/are recognized by _____ (TEAM NAME).

as the “designated person(s)” with respect to Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for Welland Minor Baseball Association

Name of Designated person(s):

Date: _____

E-mail completed form to: rts@wellandminorbaseball.ca

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Date Acknowledged with team: _____

Acknowledged by: _____

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