

WSAPOL-23 CONCUSSION POLICY

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Head injuries in children's sports have become an increasing focus for both parents and sports officials alike. In order to try to ensure a consistent approach to dealing with head injuries, WSA has borrowed a protocol for coaches and parents to follow when a player suffers an injury.

- A concussion is a brain injury.
- All concussions are serious.
- Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness.
- Concussions can occur in any sport.

Recognition and proper management of concussions when they first occur can help prevent further injury or even death.

In recognition of the above, Weyburn Soccer Association (WSA) follows Canada Soccer's Concussion Policy as approved and adopted by Saskatchewan Soccer Association. The full policy document can be found on the Saskatchewan Soccer's Associations website. WSA Policy In order to help protect the soccer players, WSA has mandated that all our soccer players, parents/guardians, coaches, and team staff, follow the Weyburn Soccer Club's Concussion Policy.

A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time.

A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.

All WSA representative coaches are required to complete "Making Headway" course.