



**Medical Clearance for  
Student-Athlete Suspected Head Injury**

Name of Athlete _____
Sport/season _____
Date Received _____

**Section 1: Initial Observation to be completed by Coach, Athletic Trainer and/or First Responder**

Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Following the injury, did the athlete experience:	Circle One	Symptoms	Comments
Loss of consciousness or unresponsiveness	Yes / No		
Seizure or convulsive activity	Yes / No		
Balance problems/unsteadiness	Yes / No		
Dizziness	Yes / No		
Headache	Yes / No		
Nausea/Vomiting	Yes / No		
Emotional Instability (abnormal laughing, crying, anger)	Yes / No		
Confusion/Easily distracted	Yes / No		
Sensitivity to Light/noise	Yes / No		
Vision problems?	Yes / No		
Neck Pain	Yes / No		

Describe the injury, or give additional details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Injury History:** Name of Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Injury: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Injury: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: To Be Filled Out By a Licensed Health Care Provider (LHCP)**

**Medical Provider Recommendations** According to COMAR 13A.06.08.01, only licensed health care providers (LHCP) *trained in the evaluation and management of concussions* are permitted to authorize a student athlete to return to play

\*This return to play (RTP) plan is based on today's evaluation

**LHCP Diagnosis:**

- No Concussion - May Return to Full Academic and Physical Activity
- Concussion

**\* PLEASE NOTE THESE REQUIREMENTS TO RETURN TO SPORTS PLEASE COMPLETE\***

- Athletes are not allowed to return to practice or play the same day that their head injury occurred
- Athletes should never return to play or practice if they still have **ANY SYMPTOMS**
- Athletes, be sure that your coach and/or athletic trainer are aware of your injury, symptoms, and has the contact information for the treating physician

**SCHOOL (ACADEMICS) COMPLETED BY LHCP**

- May return to school now
- May return to school on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Out of school until follow up (F/u is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_)
- Limitations or Accommodations (please see below or attached)

**SPORTS/PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES**

- May start return to play progression under the supervision of the health care provider for your school/team
- Must return to medical provider for final clearance to return to competition and physical activities

Additional Comments/Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

LHCP Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Stamp:

I certify that I am aware of the current medical guidance on concussion evaluation and management.

- All Maryland public school athletes must have a Licensed Health Care Providers signature to return to play
- More than one evaluation is typically necessary for medical clearance for concussion, as symptoms may not fully present for days.

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO SCHOOL NURSE, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND ATHLETIC TRAINER**