

DYHA adopts the USA Hockey Concussion Management Program that can be found on the USA Hockey website. The Concussion Management Program applies to all players registered with DYHA (from Little Saints up through and including High School players).

DYHA requires the following procedure for suspected concussions:

-Any player with a suspected Sports Related Concussion (SRC) is immediately removed from play.

-DYHA coach shall timely notify the DYHA President via email or text when a player has been removed from play due to suspected concussion, or when the coach becomes aware that the player has sustained a concussion or suspected concussion outside the rink, during another sports or activity, etc.

-Parents shall inform their child's coach(es) of a known concussion occurring at non-DYHA events. The Return to Play protocol will be required for the child to return to DYHA practices, events and games.

- Any player removed from play *for suspected concussion or who has been diagnosed with a concussion* (whether occurring at a DYHA event or non-DYHA event) must provide a written Return to Play form from a qualified medical provider in which the medical provider authorizes them to return to trainings, practices or game activities with no restrictions.

-Qualified medical provider shall be defined as per Iowa Code, and means a physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic trainer licensed by a board designated under Iowa Code section 147.13. Any of these individuals may sign a Return to Play form on behalf of a DYHA participant.

-Return to Play form must then be signed by parent and coach prior to returning to any DYHA practices or games.

-Completed forms will be kept by Manager and/or coach and a copy will be given to DYHA President.

**DYHA encourages players and/or their families to follow the Ready to Learn protocol (back in academic related tasks and able to sustain tasks symptom free) prior to Return to Play.

Additional information can be found at:

https://www.usahockey.com/news_article/show/1004541