

CONCUSSION RETURN TO PLAY POLICY

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The Eden Prairie Boys Basketball Association places a great emphasis on providing our players with an experience that balances learning, fun, safety and alignment with Minnesota concussion law. Accordingly, we are clarifying the return to play policy for players that show signs or symptoms of a concussion as follows:

1) The Minnesota concussion law mandates that:

- All coaches (head and assistants) and officials receive concussion training and education by September 1, 2011, and then at three-year intervals thereafter.
- Coaches must remove an athlete from activity if they exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as the loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) and/or are suspected of sustaining a concussion.
- The law also requires an appropriate health care professional's signature to return to play if an athlete is removed due to a concussion or is showing signs or symptoms of a concussion.

For reference, see the [MN State High School League rules](#) or the Minnesota Concussion [law](#).

2) EPBBA coaches are subject to concussion certification every 3 years as outlined in the [EPBBA coach's concussion certificate page](#).

3) The EPBBA Return to Play Policy requires the following steps:

- If an athlete is removed from play because they are showing signs or symptoms of a concussion, they must have written authorization from a health care professional before returning to play.
- The athlete must provide the health care professional's form to their EPBBA head coach.
 - Until the written authorization is provided to the head coach, the coach shall ensure that the player does not participate in any team physical activities.
- The EPBBA head coach will give the form to the EPBBA Board President.

4) For more information, refer to these CDC fact sheets for [parents](#), [coaches](#) and [athletes](#).