



Ohio High School Athletic Association  
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**MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION TO RETURN TO PLAY WHEN A STUDENT HAS BEEN REMOVED DUE TO A SUSPECTED CONCUSSION**

Ohio State Law as well as NFHS rules and OHSAA policy require a student who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with concussion to be removed from and/or prevented from participating or continuing to participate in any practice or contest (sports activity) and **not permitted to participate in or reenter practice or competition on the same day as the removal**. After these symptoms are identified, **written medical authorization from a physician (M.D. or D.O.)** or another qualified licensed medical provider, who works in consultation with, collaboration with or under the supervision of an M.D. or D.O. or who is working pursuant to the referral by an M.D. or D.O., AND is authorized by the Board or Education or other governing board, **is required to grant clearance for the student to return to participation**. This form shall serve as the authorization that the physician or licensed medical professional has examined the student, and has cleared the student to return to participation. The physician or licensed medical professional must complete this form and submit to a school administrator prior to the student's resumption of participation in practice and/or a contest. **To reiterate, this student is not permitted to reenter practice or competition on the same day as the removal.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, M.D., D.O. or \_\_\_\_\_ (other qualified licensed medical provider) have examined the following  
 (Print name of MD, DO or Other)  
 student, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ High School/7-8<sup>th</sup> grade school  
 (Name of Student),  
 who was removed from and/or prevented from participating or continuing to participate in a \_\_\_\_\_ (sport) contest at the \_\_\_\_\_ level (V, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-8<sup>th</sup>) due to exhibition of signs/symptoms/behaviors consistent with a concussion or who is known to have suffered a concussion. I have examined this student, and determined that the student is cleared to resume participation upon the completion of the directions provided below.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DIRECTIONS BELOW**

- \_\_\_ Return to play protocol for concussion as outlined in Zurich Consensus Statement 2012 or as attached.
- \_\_\_ Return to play protocol for concussion required under direction of Licensed Athletic Trainer or other qualified licensed medical provider as approved in above directive
- \_\_\_ Return to play protocol for concussion not required, and the student may return to participation in practice and competition on this date \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other: (explain):

**VALID ONLY WITH ALL INFORMATION COMPLETED**

Signature of Medical Professional \_\_\_\_\_  
 (MD, DO or other qualified Licensed Medical Provider as Approved in the Above Directive)  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print or Stamp) Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to play is also subject to clarification of this document, as deemed necessary, by Licensed Athletic Trainer, other qualified Licensed medical providers authorized by Board of Education or other governing body, or school district administration. Return to play decisions are also subject to recognized principles of conditioning, skill development, mental preparedness, etc.

Parent(s)/Guardian and student are reminded that the initial signature document of awareness of signs and symptoms of concussion and need/requirement to report are still in effect. Parent(s)/Guardian and student have a responsibility to report any further signs or symptoms of a concussion or head injury to coaches, administrators and the student- athlete's doctor. Information regarding signs and symptoms are available from school district personnel or OHSAA website.

**PRESENT THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR**

**Note: The school must retain this form indefinitely as a part of the student's permanent record. Medical Providers should retain a copy for their own records.**