

Collegiate Athletics Department

Concussion Position Statement

It is the policy of the Athletics Department at Collegiate School that all head injuries and concussion are to be treated as serious injuries, regardless of impression of severity. All athletes sustaining head injuries are to be taken out of competition and evaluated by either the attending athletic trainer or their respective coach. Head injuries are evaluated on-site and referred ultimately to Collegiate's New York State licensed athletic trainer or nurse for advanced review and follow-up communication.

Concussion Testing and Education

All students between ages 10-18 years of age are required to take the online ImPACT baseline test which would be used as a comparison to the post-injury test when a head injury is sustained. Coaches are also required to take and complete an online concussion safety course provided by the CDC as mandated by the State of New York's Concussion Act. Advanced head-injury/concussion cases that compromise and/or impair daily and academic functioning are shared with Collegiate's Concussion Committee comprised of a multidisciplinary team that reviews cases and informs the school community of the medical status of the student.

On-Site Concussion Care for Sports

The following procedures are followed by the coach or athletic trainer if a head-injury/concussion is sustained or suspected:

1. Coach or attending athletic trainer takes athlete out of competition
2. A concussion symptom checklist is completed for future review by advance medical professionals.
3. Parent is notified and directed of next course of action and given the parent and physician (if medical exam is needed) portion of the concussion forms.
4. Athlete is given an ImPACT post-injury test after a 24-hour period which is used as additional information for athlete's physician(s).