

Charles County Public Schools School Administration and Leadership

Name _____	Date of Injury _____
School/Sport _____	Date of AHCP RTP Clearance _____

Graduated Return to Soccer Protocol

With no symptoms, a gradual return to play program can be initiated. Follow these gradual progressive steps of the training sequence.

There should be approximately 24 hours (or longer) in between each step. If any symptoms return at any time during these activities, stop the workout. Rest until symptom-free for 24 hours. Return to the previous asymptomatic step. If symptoms return or worsen, seek medical attention.

<u>Step</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tolerance/Comments</u>	<u>Initial</u>
1. <u>Light</u> General Conditioning Exercises (Goal: Increase HR)		Begin with sport specific warm up. Do 15–20-minute workout: stationary bicycle, fast paced walking or light jog, rowing or freestyle swimming.		
2. <u>Moderate</u> General Conditioning and Sport Specific Skill Work; Individually (Goal: Add Movement, individual skill work)		Sport specific warm-up. Slowly increase intensity and duration of workout to 20-30 minutes. - Begin skill work within the workout. - Begin running drills and dynamic foot dribbling, use cones and dummies, individual kicking.		
3. <u>Heavy</u> General conditioning, skill work; individually and with teammate. NO CONTACT (Goal: Add Movement, teammate skill work)		Continue with general conditioning up to 60 minutes. Increase intensity and duration. Begin interval training. - Begin drills with a partner but with no contact. - Continue with individual skill work as per Step 2. - Begin partner passing and kicking on goalie drills. - Begin walk-throughs on offense and defense.		
4. <u>Heavy</u> General conditioning, skill work and team drills. No live scrimmages. VERY LIGHT CONTACT. (Goal: Team skill work, light static contact)		Resume regular conditioning and duration of practice. - Practice passing shell drills (8 or 6) with no contact. - Practice team passing and kicking drills, practice offense, defensive and counterattack tactical schemes with no contact to the player. - Review heading the ball techniques. Do a few reps of low intensity with limited height and distance?		
5. Full Team Practice with Body Contact		- Participate in a full practice . - If a full practice is completed with no symptoms, return to competition is appropriate. Discuss with the coach about getting back in the next game.		

Completion Date: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor Signature: _____