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Hockey Canada has released an updated Concussion Policy and Toolbox to help with resources on concussions. (Attached) We are requesting that you make your team coaches, safety people, trainers and volunteers aware of the policy and toolbox. Attached are graphics that can be used on your website and the links are below.

English: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/safety/concussions/concussion-toolbox>

French: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/fr-ca/hockey-programs/safety/concussions/concussion-toolbox>

The updated concussion policy provides an overriding statement with respect to concussion prevention, concussion recognition and responsible return to play if a player suffers a concussion or is suspected of suffering a concussion, and defines the expectations with respect to responsible steps that should be taken in these areas.





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Within the policy which you can find in the link there is an expected protocol which is clearly defined specific to removing a player with a concussion or suspected concussion from play as well as the steps required for return to play. It is important to note that the identified protocol has not changed from what has been expected by Hockey Canada for several years and has only been adjusted to reflect updates from the 2016 Berlin Consensus.

The policy document does include a new component which is identified as the “Concussion Follow-up and Communication Form” (appendix 2). Hockey Canada would ask that we begin to implement the use of this form with teams, and fully expects that the implementation of the form will take time to integrate itself into the return to play process.

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