

## **Club Responsibility**

- **A Confirmation Receipt, each year, for review of Concussion Awareness Resources must be completed by each athlete under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers, & team officials.**
- **Athletes, Coaches and Team Trainers must review and sign off on their applicable Codes of Conduct.**
- **Establish a Removal from Sport and a Return to Sport Protocol [www.ontario.ca/concussions](http://www.ontario.ca/concussions)**
- **Identify a Designated Person (DP) as having responsibility of both the Removal from Sport and Return to Sport Protocol**
- **make protocols available to DP, athlete and parents. Can be by Paper, Email, or weblink**
- **Create a retention policy for personal info**

## **Designated person (DP):**

- **does not need to have qualifications for this position; however, DP must provide club confirmation that they have reviewed the Concussion Awareness Resources in the last 12 months. (Only coaches and managers can be on bench not DP)**
- **needs to be at every practice/game**
- **more than one designated person can be assigned per team and a division of duties can be done. One can be there to watch field play, and one can do administrative duties**
- **DP must carry out On The Field: Removal from Sport Protocol**
- **DP must carry out Off the Field: Return to Sport Protocol**

# Competitions

## Ontario teams playing outside of Ontario

- Required to establish a removal and return to sport protocol and to follow them as of January 1, 2022. There is nothing in the Act or the Regulation that states that such protocols do not apply when competing outside of Ontario.

## Apply for out of province teams playing in Ontario

- athletes (parents/guardians of athletes under 18), coaches, team staff or officials who are not ordinarily residents in Ontario would NOT have to confirm review of Concussion Awareness Resources or codes of conduct when they register for an Ontario amateur competitive sport competition;
- HOWEVER, the removal and return to sport protocols of the Ontario amateur competitive sport competition would apply in the context of competitions and therefore would apply to all athletes including non-resident athletes in Ontario, when this requirement comes into effect on January 1, 2022

## Question:

Will sport or tournament organizers be responsible for tracking an athlete's return to sport if the season/tournament they were registered to compete in has ended?

## Answer:

No, sport organizations will only be responsible for managing an athlete's removal and return to sport for the period the athlete is registered to train, practice, and compete with them.

