

Concussion Policy Procedures

Upon arrival at the gym or during the pre-match meeting the officials should ask the coach of the home team the following question:

"Does your team have a healthcare professional authorized in concussion management?"

Coaches should respond with a simple YES or NO.

If a coach responds with NO, but..... Instruct the coach that the answer is NO until they come to the official and change it to a YES.

There is no requirement for the medical professional to sit on the team bench. The officials just need to know who this individual is and where they might normally be stationed during the match.

The policy applies to all pre-season tournaments, jamborees, non-league matches, league matches and post-season matches and tournaments.

If there is no medical professional present at the start of a match then once they arrive the R2 should be notified as soon as possible without disrupting the match.

If there is no medical professional present (for whatever reason) and a player is removed from the court due to showing signs or symptoms of a concussion, if the medical professional returns and evaluates the player and determines that the player is ok to continue playing then she may re-enter the match.

Condensed Version:

1. When there is no medical professional in the gym the coach is in charge but the ref has the final say.
2. If the medical professional is in the gym or arrives at anytime during the match they have the final say.
3. If a player is removed by a coach or ref and the medical professional walks into the gym later on, they can evaluate and send the player back in based on their medical expertise.

Officials should not to ask to see a license nor tell school personnel "who" is qualified to be in this position such as a doctor, nurse, athletic trainer, EMT, physician's assistant etc.