

## North Dakota Concussion Legislation

### Who does the law apply to?

Each school district and non public school that sponsors or sanctions any athletic activity in this state and requires a participating student to regularly practice or train, and compete, is subject to the terms of a concussion management program.

### Education/Training opportunities

The concussion management program must require that each official, coach, and athletic trainer receive biennial training regarding the nature and risk of concussion. The student's school district or non public school shall ensure that before a student is allowed to participate in the athletic activity described in subsection 1, the student and the student's parent shall document that they have viewed information regarding concussions incurred by students participating in athletic activities. The required information must be provided by the student's school district or non public school and must be made available in printed form or in a verifiable electronic format.

### Removal guidelines

The concussion management program must require that an official remove a student from competition and that a student's coach or a student's athletic trainer remove the student from practice, training, or competition if: the student reports any sign or symptom of a concussion, as set forth in accordance with this section; the official, coach, or athletic trainer determines that the student exhibits any sign or symptom of a concussion, as set forth in accordance with this section; or the official, coach, or athletic trainer is notified that the student has reported or exhibited any sign or symptom of a concussion by a licensed, registered, or certified health care provider whose scope of practice includes the recognition of concussion signs and symptoms. The concussion management program must require that any student who is removed in accordance with subsection 3 must be examined as soon as practicable by a licensed, registered, or certified health care provider whose scope of practice includes the diagnosis and treatment of concussion.

### Return-to-play

A student who is removed in accordance with subsection 3 may not be allowed to return to practice, training, or competition until the student or the student's parent obtains written authorization from a licensed, registered, or certified health care provider whose scope of practice includes the diagnosis and treatment of concussion and provides that authorization to the student's coach or athletic trainer.

### Additional/Miscellaneous

For the purposes of this section, "official" means an umpire, a referee, a judge, or any other individual formally officiating at an athletic event

For a complete list of legislative details, please visit [www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/62-2011/documents/11-0620-01000.pdf](http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/62-2011/documents/11-0620-01000.pdf).