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5 Management of Sports Related Concussions

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7 The Ovando School District recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly  
8 reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational  
9 activities. The Board acknowledges the risk of catastrophic injuries or death is significant when a  
10 concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed. Therefore, all K-12  
11 competitive sport athletic activities in the District will be identified by the administration.

12 Consistent with guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,  
13 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Federation of High School (NFHS)  
14 and the Montana High School Association (MHSA), the District will utilize procedures  
15 developed by the MHSA and other pertinent information to inform and educate coaches,  
16 athletic trainers, officials, youth athletes, and their parents and/or guardians of the nature and  
17 risk of concussions or head injuries, including the dangers associated with continuing to play  
18 after a concussion or head injury. Resources are available on the Montana High School  
19 Association Sports Medicine page at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org); U.S. Department of Health and Human  
20 Services page at: [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov); and; the Centers for Disease and Prevention page at  
21 [www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports.index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports.index.html).

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23 Annually, the district will distribute a head injury and concussion information and sign-off sheet  
24 to all parents and guardians of student-athletes in competitive sport activities prior to the student-  
25 athlete's initial practice or competition.

26 All coaches, athletic trainers, officials, including volunteers participating in organized youth  
27 athletic activities, shall complete the training program at least once each school year as required  
28 in the District procedure. Additionally, all coaches, athletic trainers, officials, including  
29 volunteers participating in organized youth athletic activities will comply with all procedures for  
30 the management of head injuries and concussions.

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32 Reference: Montana High School Association, Rules and Regulations  
33 Section 4, Return to Play

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35 Legal Reference: Dylan Steigers Protection of Youth Athletes Act

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37 Cross Reference: 3415F Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Statement

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