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5 Management of Sports Related Concussions

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7 A. Athletic Director or Administrator in Charge of Athletic Duties:

8 1. *Updating:* Each spring, the athletic director, or the administrator in charge of athletics if there
 9 is no athletic director, shall review any changes that have been made in procedures required
 10 for concussion and head injury management or other serious injury by consulting with the
 11 MHSA or the MHSA Web site, U.S. DPHHS, and CDCP web site. If there are any updated
 12 procedures, they will be adopted and used for the upcoming school year.

13 2. *Identified Sports:* Identified sports include all organized youth athletic activity sponsored by
 14 the school or school district.

15 B. *Training:* All coaches, athletic trainers, and officials, including volunteers shall undergo training
 16 in head injury and concussion management at least once each school year by one of the following
 17 means: (1) through viewing the MHSA sport-specific rules clinic; (2) through viewing the
 18 MHSA concussion clinic found on the MHSA Sports Medicine page at www.mhsa.org; or by the
 19 district inviting the participation of appropriate advocacy groups and appropriate sports
 20 governing bodies to facilitate the training requirements.

21 C. *Parent Information Sheet:* On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet
 22 shall be distributed to the student-athlete and the athlete's parent and/or guardian prior to the
 23 student-athlete's initial practice or competition. This information sheet may be incorporated into
 24 the parent permission sheet which allows students to participate in extracurricular athletics and
 25 should include resources found on the MHSA Sports Medicine page at www.mhsa.org, U.S.
 26 DPHHS, and CDCP websites.

27 D. *Responsibility:* An athletic trainer, coach, or official shall immediately remove from play,
 28 practice, tryouts, training exercises, preparation for an athletic game, or sport camp a student-
 29 athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury or other serious injury.

30 E. *Return to Play After Concussion or Head Injury:* In accordance with MHSA Return to Play
 31 Rules and Regulations and the Dylan Steigers Youth Athlete Protection Act, a student athlete
 32 who has been removed from play, practice, tryouts, training exercises, preparation for an athletic
 33 game, or sport camp may not return until the athlete is cleared by a licensed health care
 34 professional (registered, licensed, certified, or otherwise statutorily recognized health care
 35 professional). The health care provider may be a volunteer.

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