# WILSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS PACKET



# CO-CURRICULAR CODE 2019-2020

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# WILSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 167-202 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PHILOSOPHY

Wilson Creek School District is committed to a strong and diverse extra-curricular program for all its students. We believe that an extra-curricular experience provides a valuable link in a student's overall growth and maturation process. Every effort is made to offer separate and equal programs for boys and girls. All programs will challenge participants to achieve success in a quality, caring and innovative environment.

Extra-curricular participants are encouraged to participate in the total school program and experience as wide a variety of activities as possible. Coaches are, therefore, discouraged from elongating any sport season by encouraging extra-curricular participants to work and compete in a specific sport rather than participate in another sport season.

Student safety in extra-curricular activities will be the top consideration throughout our program. As part of the student in co-curricular activities, student's health concerns will be evaluated by the School Nurse and care plans developed for those who may need Emergency Medications during activities. (Please see *Participant Restrictions* and *Travel* sections for more information.)

We view competition as an important part of a sound extra-curricular program. Competitive experiences will be balanced with participation, skill development and safety concerns.

Junior high programs will stress participation and skill development. A "no cut" policy will be used at this level unless team dimensions dictate that there are too many students turning out for the teams we can offer.

High school teams will stress skill development, competition, team attitude and success. Cutting is strongly discouraged unless team dimensions cannot accommodate the number of students turning out. Playing time at the varsity level will be as a result of the progression of the extra-curricular participant's skills and attitude and the needs of the team as determined by the coach.

Sportsmanship and fair play are stressed throughout our programs. It is our intent to hold our participants and coaches to the highest standards of conduct. In compliance with WIAA rule, sportsmanship violations that result in ejection from a contest will mean automatic suspension from play in the next scheduled contest at that level.

#### CO-CURRICULAR CODE OBJECTIVES

The extra-curricular program:

- 1. Is designed for all students who possess the skills necessary to make a team
- 2. Will contribute to:
  - a. Development of physical skills
  - b. Emotional maturity
  - c. Cooperation and self-discipline
- 3. Will stimulate the participants' interests in the overall educational program
- 4. Will provide separate and equal programs for boys and girls
- 5. Will develop a competitive spirit in an environment of participation, skill development and safety
- 6. Will emphasize sportsmanship by all participants
- 7. Will challenge the participant to achieve success in a quality, caring and innovative environment
- 8. Will enhance respect for others and promote self-worth

#### **SUPERVISION**

The coach in charge of each activity will be responsible for the overall program and the supervision of individual participants. Students are not to use school facilities at any time unless appropriate supervision is present.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

Extra-curricular participation will be subject to the written policies set down by the coach and this extra-curricular code. These rules must be observed by the participant and will be enforced for the duration of the athletic season or activity.

Any coach's rule above and beyond the scope of this code need to be submitted to the athletic director/principal and will be on file with same.

#### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

#### **Participation Requirements**

- 1. Extra-curricular list requirements:
  - a. Physical exam
  - b. Parent permission
  - c. Liability waiver

- d. Insurance
- e. Medical emergency information
- f. ASB card (prior to first practice)

Once all requirements are met, students are placed on the list and are eligible.

#### **Scholastic Requirements**

To be eligible for extra-curricular participation, a participant must meet the following scholastic requirements:

- 1. Any student receiving a "D" in any subject for the week or quarter is reported to the parent/guardian via Family Access and placed on the eligibility list under Cause for Concern. Any student failing a class will initially be placed on the Ineligibility List under Probation. If the student continues to have an "F" in *any class* during the following weekly grade check; the student is then placed on the Ineligibility List under Ineligible until an improved grade is reported proved by the weekly grade check. Once a student has been removed from the eligibility list due to improvement the process will then repeat as listed above. Grades will report under the ATH column in the student's grade book in Skyward.
- 2. The list for eligibility will post mid-morning on Monday and will take effect the same day. Students who are on the ineligible portion of the list will be able to practice but not participate in any athletic events, home or away. Students will be ineligible until the following week's grade check takes effect on Monday. Grades will clear from the ATH column mid-Friday morning leaving the ability for teaching staff to enter updated grades for the following week. (Information regarding eligibility for field trips can be found in the Student Handbook on page 46)
- 3. Initial grade checks will occur three weeks after official grades have been released to parents/guardians into <u>each</u> grading period and then every week following. (See official Bell Schedule for report card release dates.)
- 4. If an "F" is received as a final grade the student will be ineligible by the following rules:
  - a. The suspension period for a failing semester grade for a high school student shall be from the end of the previous semester through the fourth (4th) Saturday in September or the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester.
  - b. The suspension period for a failing semester grade for a middle level student shall be from the end of the previous semester through the first three (3) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester.
  - c. The suspension period for a failing term (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) grade for all student athletes shall be the first (3) weeks of the succeeding term until the following grade check takes effects.
  - d. A probationary period will not be granted in lieu of a failing quarter/semester grade.
- 5. Athletes must hold a 2.0 or higher-grade point average (GPA) from the previous grading period to be eligibility in a new quarter/semester. The exception to this eligibility will be a special education student who receives a grade point average of less than 2.0 in all the classes but is showing effort to his/her ability in these classes.
- 6. The record at the end of the grading period will be final except that incompletes can be made up during the first five weeks of the following quarter/semester, and therefore cannot be held against the student.

Note: No exceptions to the eligibility requirements are allowed. A student/athlete may appeal an eligibility issue to an eligibility team consisting of the superintendent/principal. This appeal must be approved by the athletic director before considered by the administrative team. Student/athlete will remain ineligible until after the appeal is decided.

Note: Previous school transcripts will be used to satisfy this requirement for transfer students.

<u>Note</u>: Information regarding eligibility pertaining to curricular field trips, activities, groups or clubs can be found under the "ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY" section on page 45 in the student handbook.

#### Running Start Student: A Running Start student must:

- 1. Be registered as a fulltime student; and
- 2. Be in a position of passing as reported by a designated frequency of progress reports issued during the term of the sport in which he/she is participating.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

- 1. Extra-curricular participants must attend all class periods to participate in practice, contests or any school-sponsored activity on that day. This would include dressing down for P.E. Tardies will be reviews on an individual basis by the athletic director. Exceptions to this requirement are as follows:
  - a. Curricular activities
  - b. Special written or phoned request of the parent/guardian, approved by the coach prior to the absence
  - c. Principal's permission involving emergency situations
  - d. Approved co-curricular events that the participants are involved in that continue after school are also grounds for an excused absence. However, if the event concludes prior to the end of practice, the participant is required to attend the remaining portion of practice.
  - e. All appointment in the legal or health profession. These absences will be excused only with a note documenting the appointment.
- 2. The penalty for unauthorized/unexcused missing of practice will be as follows:
  - a. Suspension from the next game played for the first offense
  - b. Suspension from the next two games for the second offense
  - c. Expulsion from the team for the season following the third offense and no letter award
- 3. Delay of interruption of practice days: Wilson Creek will adhere to WIAA policies concerning minimum practice days and interruption of minimum practice days.

#### PARTICIPANT RESTRICTIONS

- 1. Participants will not turn out for an activity until all previously issued equipment has been returned or otherwise accounted for.
- 2. Any high school or junior high school athlete may not turn out for a sport at Wilson Creek or in combination with any other school after five practices have been completed. This is appealable to an administrative team consisting of the athletic director and principal/superintendent.
- 3. Only fifth- and eighth-grade athletes asked by the junior/high school coaches and with the approval of the athletic director in the sports, the player and the parent/guardian of the athlete and the Board of Directors, would play on the high school team or junior high school team (in the case of a fifth-grade athlete) for that sports.
- 4. Students who require Emergence Medications such as an Inhaler or Epi-Pen available to them during activities either by self-carry or school staff, must first provide a *Medication Authorization* form signed by their Healthcare Provider and Parent/Guardian, good for the whole school year, before they can begin practice. The School Nurse will assess the student's needs and develop an Emergency Care Plan and train staff members accordingly. Please contact the Office for the correct form.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **Suspension from School**

Extra-curricular participants on in-school suspension will continue to practice and compete interscholastically within the confines of the coach's policies and guidelines.

Extra-curricular participants on out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to practice or compete interscholastically for the duration of the suspension. Each practice missed by the participant will result in a suspension of one game. These practices missed will not count against them with regard to Attendance Rule 2.

#### **Repeated Ineligibility**

Any extra-curricular participant declared ineligible for the third time in an activity season will be removed from the activity. The extra-curricular participant would not receive a letter or any awards.

#### **Transferring Activities**

No participant may drop one activity and transfer to another during the same season without approval of coaches and the athletic director. Any participant removed from a team may not join another team.

#### Use of School Uniform/Equipment

School owned uniforms and equipment are to be used only for practice and games. The wearing of uniforms on game day is permissible if approved by the coach. It is a violation of WIAA rules to use school district uniforms or equipment for non-school activities, such as AAU or summer programs. These activities must supply their own needs.

#### **Out-Of-Season Philosophy**

Wilson Creek School District's philosophy is that no participant will be encouraged or threatened to participate in our-of-season clinics or camps in order to gain status, playing time or any other benefit for attending. These are teenaged young men and women and should be able to have the summer to himself/herself, if so desired. No coach will do or say anything to discourage that desire by any participant.

#### **Procedure**

Any extra-curricular participant who does not abide by the rules and regulations of his/her coach and this extra-curricular code is subject to warning, suspension or expulsion from the activity.

#### SPECIFIC RULES- SEVERE VIOLATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Substance Abuse/Alcohol/Tobacco Possession, Use, Distribution or Sale Abuse (on or off campus)
The participant will not possess, use, distribute or provide for sale any controlled substance, illicit drug or substance purported to be such. The participant will not violate any substance abuse item.

**Attendance at Functions** where alcohol or drugs are being unlawfully used shall be a violation of this code. Athletes are prohibited from supporting, by their attendance, functions where alcohol or drugs are being unlawfully used, or placing themselves in circumstances where they should reasonably know that such conditions could exist.

**First Offense:** Removal from the next contest in which the athlete is to participate.

Severe Violations are any possession or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, controlled substances, tobacco, electronic smoking/vaping devices or other non-prescribed drug paraphernalia; or criminal acts which may include, but are not limited to the or vandalism; or second and subsequent "ATTENDANCE AT FUNCTIONS" and will result in the athlete being judged as a Level One, Two, or Three offender. (Possession is defined as having substance or drug paraphernalia on their person or in their personal belongings.) Disciplinary action regarding allegation of misconduct for severe violations will not be determined prior to an informal conference between the student, athletic director, administrator, and/or coach.

Level One is defined as a first violation and shall result in: 1. Suspension for 40% of the regular season contests, which will carry over into the next sport the student participates in if necessary to meet the me requirement (suspension will carry over into next school year if applicable). Suspension will be reduced to 30% if the athlete admits to the violation when first asked by administration or 20% if the athlete self-reports (defined as a first report of the violation made voluntarily to the administration by the athlete involved prior to the start me of the next school day following the incident). 2. The athlete must finish the season in good standing to fulfill the suspension requirement. Suspension from athletics will not eliminate suspension from clubs or activities the student may also be involved in. Also, suspension for an athlete may not be served in a support personnel role such as a manager or stats keeper. 3. Complete mandatory counseling procedure through the high school counselor. 4. Continued turnout for all practices, but the athlete will not travel with the group or participate in any contest during the period of suspension. 5. The athlete must be academically eligible for suspended contests to count.

**Level Two** is defined as a second violation and shall result in: 1. Suspension for the remainder of the sports season and/or 60%, whichever is longer, (50% if student first admits, 40% if student self-reports) of the regular season contests, which will carry over into the next sport in which the student participates, along with 10 hours of community service. Community service will be served at school unless prior approval by the athletic director is granted for a community endeavor. 2. Athlete must seek assistance for help for a problem with drugs/alcohol through a community agency if this is a second drug/alcohol violation. Documentation must be submitted to athletic director to show compliance before the student is declared eligible. 3. Unless suspended for the remainder of the season, the athlete will continue turnout for all practices, but the athlete will not travel with the group or participate in any contest during the period of suspension.

Level Three is defined as a third and subsequent violation and shall result in: 1. Suspension for one calendar year from the date of the violation assessment along with 15 hours of community service. Community service will be served at school unless prior approval by the athletic director is granted for a community endeavor. 2. The athlete must request reinstatement in the athletic program through a school eligibility board.

**Legend Drugs and Controlled Substances** In addition to the above penalties for severe violations, the penalties for the possession, use or sale of legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescription, RCW 69.41.020-050) and controlled substances (RCW 69.50, including marijuana as per federal law) shall be as follows:

- *1st Violation* A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate unless the student accesses the assistance program outlined in B (below), but in no instance shall the athlete's suspension period be less than the Level One Suspension period as stated under "Severe Violations" and ineligibility may extend into the next sports season. A. The athlete will be ineligible for participation in contests for the remainder of that interscholastic sports season and must meet the school's requirements in order to be eligible to compete in the next interscholastic sports season. The school principal will have the final authority regarding the student's participation in further interscholastic sports programs. B. The athlete may choose to seek and receive help for a problem with use of legend drugs or controlled substances. Successful utilization of school and/or community assistance programs may allow him/her to have eligibility re-instated in that athletic season, pending recommendation by the school.
- 2nd Violation A participant who again violates any provision of RCW 69.41.020 69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.
- 3rd Violation A participant who violates for a third me RCW 69.41.020 69.41.050 or RCW 69.50 shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

#### **Appearance**

1. Our participants are representatives of our school and community, and as such their appearance shall meet expectations reflecting good taste. Coaches are to insist on good standards of appearance for their teams. All of the dress code items listed in the student handbook shall apply to participants in extra-curricular activities or any school-sponsored activities. (See page 16-17 in the Student Handbook for dress code.)

#### **DURATION OF TRAINING RULES**

Training rules begin the first practice/meeting of the activity season and are in force through the last contest scheduled by the program at such time as the participant is transported back to school and released by the coach/advisor.

#### **APPEALS**

Any decision made under the extra-curricular code can be appealed. Such appeals are to be made in writing to the athletic director. Appeals must be made within five (5) school days of the notification of the penalty for infraction. The appeal will consist of a signed document from the participant and from his/her parent/legal guardian. An emancipated minor or legal adult of age eighteen (18) and older may sign for himself/herself. The administrative council, consisting of the athletic director and principal/superintendent will hear such appeals within five (5) school days of receiving the written notice. The administrative council will have the power to uphold, alter or reverse any decision made under this code. Any further appeals beyond the administrative council will need to follow district complaint policy procedures found in the district policy manual.

#### **AWARDS**

Any extra-curricular letter award is a symbol of accomplishment, good sportsmanship and observance of extra-curricular policies. Since the award is a symbol of accomplishment, its value lies in its implication. To qualify for a letter award, a participant must meet the requirement established in that activity by the coach. These letter awards shall only be presented to participants who complete the entire season except for those who could not because of illness or injury.

#### **TRAVEL**

The coach will insist on proper behavior and maintenance of the bus rules while traveling for activities. All participants are to travel to and from extra-curricular activities with the team in transportation provided by the school district with the following exceptions:

- 1. Parents may transport their own children after any activity. Parents must first sign their children out with the coach before or after a game. Noted exceptions are as follows:
  - a. There is NO student to student release
  - b. Transportation with any other parent/relative needs approval from both parties involved with
  - c. All exceptions must have WRITTEN APPROVAL from ALL parties involved. This approval must be given to the coach/supervisor. The coach/supervisor has the final decision on all exceptions and has the ability to DENY a request.
- 2. Students may transport only themselves to sporting events within 40 miles of the district. Written approval from a parent or guardian must be submitted to the district office and the coach/supervisor within two business days prior to the game day. The coach/supervisor has the final decision on all exceptions and has the ability to DENY a request.

These exceptions apply to transportation from a practice from a site other than Wilson Creek.

\*Note: For safety, students who have Emergency Care Plans and Medications must show proof of carrying said medications to the Coach or Trip Advisor before they will be allowed to ride the activity bus and participate in away activities.

#### **SKYWARD**

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, the district will no longer mail out Weekly Ineligibility letters to families. Notice will be posted within Skyward as a weekly reminder if your student appears on the list. We strongly urge that parents and guardians utilize Family Access in Skyward. If you are unable to access a computer or smart phone, please contact the office to make arrangements.

The Wilson Creek School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator is available to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination. If you have questions and/or concerns please call Sally Nelson (Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator) selson@wilsoncreek.org or Ryan Shannon (Title IX) athletics@wilsoncreek.org at Wilson Creek School District PO Box 46, Wilson Creek, W4 98860, phone 509-345-2541.

El Distrito Escolar de Wilson Creek no discrimina en sus programas o actividades por motivos de sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, condición de veterano de guerra o grado militar, orientación sexual, expresión de genero o identidad, discapacidad o uso de perro guía entrenado o animal de servicio, y ofrece igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos de jóvenes especificados. El empleado mencionado a continuación ha sido designado para atender consultas y quejas de supuesta discriminación: Sally Nelson, La directora, spelson@wilsoncreek.org o Laura Christian lchirstian@wilsoncreek.org o Ryan Shannon athletics@wilsoncreek.org Wilson Creek School District PO Box 46, Wilson Creek, WA 98860, telephono 509-345-2541.

# WILSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 167-202 CO-CURRICULAR CODE AGREEMENTS

I,, have rea	nd and understand the Wilson Creek School District Co-Curricular
Code. Further, I agree to abide by the rules and understand that any	violation by me shall result in actions as outlined in the code.
Student Signature	Date
I,, have read	d and understand the Wilson Creek School District Extra-
Curricular Code.	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
STUDENT-PARENT/G	UARDIAN WARNING
It is the school district's intent to provide any athlete with good instreliminate all risks involved in sports participation. <b>Accidental injurpossible.</b>	
This warning form is designed to provide this school district with a cinjured athlete. <b>Our school district provides WIAA Catastrophic</b> Participation in WIAA sponsored interscholastic activities is all volu activities, you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) must understand the ris WARN	Medical Insurance Coverage to participating students. untary and extra-curricular. As a condition to participation in these sks involved in these kinds of activities.
Participation in any athletic activity may involve injury of some type direct physical and possibly crippling injury to one's body and the por actually inflicting injury to another. The severity of such injury caparalysis or even one's future ability to earn a living, to engage in ot enjoy life.	e to either you or a fellow student athlete. Such injury can include possibility of emotional injury experience as a result of witnessing an range from minor to catastrophic injury such as complete
Activity injuries can result from the incorrect or correct performance games, drills, exercises and other similar undertakings. Injury can al team rules. Injury can result from the use of transportation provided activity.	so result from failing to follow game, training, safety or other
Therefore, the purpose of this warning is to aid you in making an inf participate in these activities. In addition, its purpose is to make you student participant, it is your responsibility to learn about and/or inq persons about any concerns that you might have at any time regarding	aware that as a student participant, or as a parent or guardian of a juire of coaches, physicians, advisor or other knowledgeable
By signing this document, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and risks and give my/our permission for my/our son/daughter to participate to	
Student Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
FOR SCHOOL	L USE ONLY
Received Date: Received By:	Recorded:

# WILSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 167-202 CO-CURRICULAR REGISTRATION FORMS: 2019-2020

Student Name:	Phone:	
Address:	City:	Zip:
Age: Birth date:		
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)#1:		
Home phone: W		
Address:  **If different than student.		
**If different than student.		
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)#2:		
Home phone: W	ork phone:	
Address:  **If different than student.	City:	Zip:
EMERGENCY/MEDIO	CAL INFORMA	TION
Hospital preference:	Phone:	
Emergency contact person:	Phone:	_
Does the student have any special medical problems?	Yes	No
If yes, please specify:		
Is the student taking any medication?	Yes	No
If yes, please specify:		
Is the student allergic to any drugs?	Yes	No
If yes, please specify:		_
When did the student receive their last tetanus shot?		
If the parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or authorized physician named about and if immediate observation or treatment is urgent in the judgment the school authorities to send the pupil, properly accompanied, to the most apply accompanied.	at of the school authorities, c	
most easily accessible?	Yes	No
Do you agree to be financially responsible for all expenses incurred for treatment under the circumstances described above?	Yes	No
If an ambulance is called, do you agree to be financially responsible expenses incurred?	le for Yes	No
If you answered NO to any above, please explain what action you	desire school authorities to t	ake:

# WILSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 167-202 INSURANCE INFORMATION/ EMERGENCY MEDICAL

#### COMPLETE EITHER PART A – or -- PART B

I understand my son	n/daughter cannot	participate in extra-curricular activities u	nless covered by the School A	ccident Coverage Plan or our own plan.	
A.) PLEAS	Е СНЕСК:	CHECK: I WILL enroll my child in the student accident/health insurance program			
		Enrollment packet can be found in the	district office, or on request fro	om the Athletic Director, Coach or Principal.	
	24-Hour Cove	erage			
		Preferred Option	Economy Option	Budget Option	
	School Time	ONLY Coverage			
		Preferred Option	Economy Option	Budget Option	
	Dental Cover	age-Football ONLY (Grades 10-12)			
		Preferred Option	Economy Option	Budget Option	
B.) PLEAS		I will NOT enroll my child in the	student accident/health insura	ince program.	
			Dho	<b></b>	
		tor:		ne:	
	Address:				
	Health Plan	/Insurance:	Gr	oup/Policy Number:	
	My child is	allergic to the following medications:			
	Other medic	cations used:			
	My child ha	s the following health problems:			
I will continue to k	keep this insuran	ce in force throughout the school year.	Therefore, I do not wish to e	nroll in the School Accident Coverage Plan. I accept fu	
responsibility for t	ne cost of treatn	nent for any injury suffered while takin	g part in any extra-curricula	r program.	
P +/G 1: 6	7.				
Parent/Guardian S	Signature			Date	
		ICAL EMERGENC TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUA			
As legal custodian of	of		a minor. I hereby a	uthorize the principal/superintendent or his/her designee,	
into whose care the	aforementioned p	oupil has been entrusted, to initiate parame	edic/ambulance care or transpo	ort for said minor and to consent to any X-ray, examination advice of any licensed physician and/or dentist.	
		en in advance of any required diagnosis, to the treatment or hospital care which a licens		provides authority and power to the agent(s) to give specific eem necessary.	
District 167-202, its	s employees and i cost of paramedic	ts Board of Directors assume no liability	of any nature in relation to the	aid agent(s). I understand that the Wilson Creek School transportation or treatment of said minor. I further or treatment provided in relation to this authorization shall	
		chool District 167-202 <u>does not</u> provide n he information and application for this pro-		njuries but does offer student accident/health insurance for	
Name of Student A	thlete:				
injury to administer	emergency care		pecialist, including a surgeon,	amine the above-named student and in the event of he/she deems necessary to ensure proper care of any involved treatment.	
Parent/Guardian S	Signature:			Date:	
Parent/Guardian I	Home Phone:		Work Phone	:	
Emergency Conta	ect Person:		Relationship	:	
Home Phone:			Work Phone	:	

# WILSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 167-202 CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications, including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. You can't see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

#### Symptoms of concussion may include one or more of the following:

- Headache
- "Pressure in head"
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Blurred, double or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Drowsiness
- Change in sleep patterns

- Amnesia
- "Don't feel right"
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- More emotional
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)
- Repeating the same question/comment

#### Signs of concussion observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly

- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit
- Can't recall events after hit
- · Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

Adapted from the CDC and the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Concussion in Sport Document created June 15, 2009

#### What can happen if my child keeps playing with a concussion or returns soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under-report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for student athlete's safety.

#### If you think your child has suffered a concussion...

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. The new "Zackery Lystedt Law" in Washington now requires the consistent and uniform implementation of long and well-establish return to play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years:

"A young athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time."

and

"... may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider."

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

Student-Athlete Name Printed	Student-Athlete Signature	Date	
Parent/Guardian Name Printed	Parent-Guardian Signature	Date	

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, visit www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html

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