PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION HISTORY FORM



(Note: This form is to be filled out by the patient and parent prior to examination. The examiner should keep a copy of this form in the chart.)

| lan | ne | | | Date of birth | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| ex | Age Grade S | chool _ | ool Sport(s) | | | |
| Me | edicines and Allergies: Please list all of the prescription and or | er-the-co | ounter n | nedicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional) that you are currently | taking | |
| | you have any allergies? | | | lergy below. □ Food □ Stinging Insects | | |
| | HERAL QUESTIONS | Yes | No | MEDICAL QUESTIONS | Yes | N |
| 1. | Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason? | 103 | 110 | Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise? | 100 | |
| 2. | Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify below: Asthma Anemia Diabetes Infections Other: | | | Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine? Is there anyone in your family who has asthma? Management of the second | | |
| | Have you ever spent the night in the hospital? Have you ever had surgery? | | | 29. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ? | | L |
| | ART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU | Yes | No | 30. Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area? | - | - |
| - | Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or | res | No | 31. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month? | - | + |
| ٧. | AFTER exercise? | | | 32. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems? 33. Have you had a herpes or MRSA skin infection? | - | + |
| 6. | Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your | | | 34. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion? | - | + |
| 7 | chest during exercise? Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise | 2 | - | 35. Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, | | \vdash |
| | Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so, | 1 | | prolonged headache, or memory problems? | | _ |
| | check all that apply: | | | 36. Do you have a history of seizure disorder? | | - |
| | ☐ High blood pressure ☐ A heart murmur ☐ High cholesterol ☐ A heart infection ☐ Kawasaki disease Other: | | | 37. Do you have headaches with exercise? 38. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling? | | |
| 9. | Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG echocardiogram) | | | 39. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling? | | T |
| 10. | Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected | | | 40. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat? | | |
| | during exercise? | - | | 41. Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising? | | _ |
| _ | Have you ever had an unexplained seizure? Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends | - | | 42. Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease? | | - |
| 6q - | during exercise? | | | 43. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision? 44. Have you had any eye injuries? | | \vdash |
| IE/ | ART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY | Yes | No | 45. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? | | \vdash |
| 3. | Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including | | | 46. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield? | | |
| 14. | drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)? Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic | | | 47. Do you worry about your weight? 48. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight? | | |
| | | | | 49. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods? | | \vdash |
| - | polymorphic ventricular tachycardia? | - | | 50. Have you ever had an eating disorder? | | _ |
| Э. | Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted defibrillator? | | | 51. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor? | | |
| 6. | Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, unexplained | 1 | | FEMALES ONLY | | |
| V-200 | seizures, or near drowning? | | | 52. Have you ever had a menstrual period? | | |
| _ | IE AND JOINT QUESTIONS | Yes | No | 53. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period? | | |
| 1. | Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or a game? | | | 54. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months? | | |
| 8. | Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints? | | | Explain "yes" answers here | | |
| 9. | Have you ever had an injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT scan, injections, therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches? | | | | | |
| | Have you ever had a stress fracture? | | | | | - |
| 1. | Have you ever been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for nec instability or atlantoaxial instability? (Down syndrome or dwarfism) | | | | | |
| 100 | Do you regularly use a brace, orthotics, or other assistive device? | | | | | |
| - | Do you have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers you? | | | | | |
| 4. | Do any of your joints become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red? Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease | | | | - | |
| | | 7 | | | | |

©2010 American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Sports Medicine, American Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. Permission is granted to reprint for noncommercial, educational purposes with acknowledgement. This form has been modified by the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA).

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name

Signature of physician (MD, DO, NP, or PA)



Date of birth

(The physical examination must be performed on or after April 1 by a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant to be valid for the following school year.) – IHSAA By-Law 3-10

| PHYSICIAN REMINDERS 1. Consider additional questions on more sensitive issues • Do you feel stressed out or under a lot of pressure? • Do you ever feel sad, hopeless, depressed, or anxious? • Do you feel safe at your home or residence? • Have you ever tried cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip? • During the past 30 days, did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip? • Do you drink alcohol or use any other drugs? • Have you ever taken anabolic steroids or used any other performance supplement? • Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your perfor • Do you wear a seat belt, use a helmet, and use condoms? 2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5–14). | mance? | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| EXAMINATION | | | | | | |
| Height Weight Male | ☐ Female | | | | | |
| BP / (/) Pulse Vision | R 20/ | L 20/ Corrected □ Y □ N | | | | |
| MEDICAL | NORMAL | ABNORMAL FINDINGS | | | | |
| Appearance Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, arm span > height, hyperfaxity, myopia, MVP, aortic insufficiency) | | | | | | |
| Eyes/ears/nose/throat Pupils equal Hearing | | | | | | |
| Lymph nodes | | | | | | |
| Heart* | | | | | | |
| Murmurs (auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva) Location of point of maximal impulse (PMI) | | | | | | |
| Pulses | 1 | | | | | |
| Simultaneous femoral and radial pulses | | | | | | |
| Lungs | | | | | | |
| Abdomen | | | | | | |
| Genitourinary (males only) ⁶ | | | | | | |
| Skin | | | | | | |
| HSV. lesions suggestive of MRSA, tinea corporis | | | | | | |
| Neurologic ^E | | | | | | |
| MUSCULOSKELETAL | | | | | | |
| Neck | | | | | | |
| Back | | | | | | |
| Shoulder/arm | 1 | | | | | |
| Elbow/forearm | 1 | | | | | |
| Wrist/hand/fingers | + | | | | | |
| Hip/thigh | | | | | | |
| Knee | | | | | | |
| Leg/ankle | + | | | | | |
| Foot/toes | - | | | | | |
| Functional | - | | | | | |
| Duck-walk, single leg hop | | | | | | |
| *Consider ECG, echocardiogram, and referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam. *Consider GU exam if in private setting, Having third party present is recommended. *Consider cognitive evaluation or baseline neuropsychiatric testing if a history of significant concussion. | | | | | | |
| ☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction | | | | | | |
| ☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment. | ent for | | | | | |
| □ Not cleared | | | | | | |
| ☐ Pending further evaluation | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| ☐ For any sports | | | | | | |
| ☐ For certain sports | | | | | | |
| Reason | | | | | | |
| Recommendations | | | | | | |
| I have examined the above-named student and completed the preparticipation physical evaluation. The athlete does not present apparent clinical contraindications to practice and participate in the sport(s) as outlined above. A copy of the physical exam is on record in my office and can be made available to the school at the request of the parents. If conditions arise after the athlete has been cleared for participation, the physician may rescind the clearance until the problem is resolved and the potential consequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents/guardians). (The physical examination must be performed on or after April 1 by a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant to be valid for the following school year.) – IHSAA By-Law 3-10 Name of physician (print/type) (MD, DO, NP, or PA) Date | | | | | | |
| Address Phone | | | | | | |

License #

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION IHSAA ELIGIBILITY RULES



INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY RULES (Grades 9 through 12)

ATTENTION ATHLETE: Your school is a member of the IHSAA and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interschool athletics, you:

- must be a regular bona fide student in good standing in the school you represent; must have enrolled not later than the fifteenth day of the current semester.
- must have completed 10 separate days of organized practice in said sport under the direct supervision of the high school coaching staff preceding date of participation in interschool contests. (Excluding Girls Golf – SeeRule 101)
- 3. must have received passing grades at the end of their last grading period in school in at least seventy percent (70%) of the maximum number of full credit subjects (or the equivalent) that a student can take and must be currently enrolled in at least seventy-percent (70%) of the maximum number of full credit subjects (or the equivalent) that a student can take. Semester grades take precedence.
- 4. must not have reached your twentieth birthday prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport.
- 5. must have been enrolled in your present high school last semester or at a junior high school from which your high school receives its students . . .
 - ... unless you are entering the ninth grade for the first time.
 - ... unless you are transferring from a school district or territory with a corresponding bona fide move on the part of your parents.
 - unless you are a ward of a court; you are an orphan, you reside with a parent, your former school closed, your former school is not accredited by the state accrediting agency in the state where the school is located, your transfer was pursuant to school board mandate, you attended in error a wrong school, you transferred from a correctional school, you are emancipated, you are a foreign exchange student under an approved CSIET program. You must have been eligible from the school from which you transferred.
- 6. must not have been enrolled in more than eight consecutive semesters beginning with grade 9.
- must be an amateur (have not participated under an assumed name, have not accepted money or merchandise directly
 or indirectly for athletic participation, have not accepted awards, gifts, or honors from colleges or their alumni, have not
 signed a professional contract).
- 8. must have had a physical examination between April 1 and your first practice and filed with your principal your completed Consent and Release Certificate.
- 9. must not have transferred from one school to another for athletic reasons as a result of undue influence or persuasion by any person or group.
- 10. must not have received in recognition of your athletic ability, any award not approved by your principal or the IHSAA.
- 11. must not accept awards in the form of merchandise, meals, cash, etc.
- 12. must not participate in an athletic contest during the IHSAA authorized contest season for that sport as an individual or on any team other than your school team. (See Rule 15-1a) (Exception for outstanding student-athlete See Rule 15-1b)
- 13. must not reflect discredit upon your school nor create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in your school.
- 14. students with remaining eligibility must not participate in tryouts or demonstrations of athletic ability in that sport as a prospective post-secondary school student-athlete. Graduates should refer to college rules and regulations before participating.
- 15. must not participate with a student enrolled below grade 9.
- 16. must not, while on a grade 9 junior high team, participate with or against a student enrolled in grade 11 or 12.
- 17. must, if absent five or more days due to illness or injury, present to your principal a written verification from a physician licensed to practice medicine, stating you may participate again. (See Rule 3-11 and 9-14.)
- 18. must not participate in camps, clinics or schools during the IHSAA authorized contest season. Consult your high school principal for regulations regarding out-of-season and summer.
- 19. girls shall not be permitted to participate in an IHSAA tournament program for boys where there is an IHSAA tournament program for girls in that sport in which they can qualify as a girls tournament entrant.

This is only a brief summary of the eligibility rules.

You may access the IHSAA Eligibility Rules (By-Laws) at www.ihsaa.org
Please contact your school officials for further information and before participating outside your school.

■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

CONSENT & RELEASE CERTIFICATE



I. STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE CERTIFICATE

- A. I have read the IHSAA Eligibility Rules (next page or on back) and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in athletic competition.
- B. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules and abide by the decisions of my school and the IHSAA.
- C. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved, and agree to release and hold harmless my school, the schools involved and the IHSAA of and from any and all responsibility and liability, including any from their own negligence, for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against my school, the schools involved or the IHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation.
- D. I consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of courts in Marion County, Indiana for all claims and disputes between and among the IHSAA and me, including but not limited to any claims or disputes involving injury, eligibility or rule violation.
- E. I give the IHSAA and its assigns, licensees and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my picture or image and any sound recording of me, in all forms and media and in all manners, for any lawful purposes.

| | Date: | Student Signature: (X) |) | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Printed: | | | | | | | | | | |
| II. PA | ARENT/GUARDIAN/E | MANCIPATED STUDENT CONSENT, AC | CKNOWL | EDGMENT AND RELEASE CERTIFICATE | | | | | | | |
| A. | Undersigned, a pare the following interso Boys Sports: Baseba | | an emano | ipated student, hereby gives consent for the student to participate in wimming. Tennis, Track, Wrestling. | | | | | | | |
| В. | Undersigned unders | stands that participation may necessitate a | n early dis | missal from classes. | | | | | | | |
| C. | C. Undersigned consents to the disclosure, by the student's school, to the IHSAA of all requested, detailed financial (athletic or otherwise), school tic and attendance records of such school concerning the student. | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. | D. Undersigned knows of and acknowledges that the student knows of the risks involved in athletic participation, understands that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and chooses to accept any and all responsibility for the student's safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, undersigned releases and holds harmless the student's school, the schools involved and the IHSAA of and from any and all responsibility and liability, including any from their own negligence, for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agrees to take no legal action against the IHSAA or the schools involved because of any accident of mishap involving the student's athletic participation. | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. | Undersigned consen | its to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of | of courts in | Marion County, Indiana for all claims and disputes between and amon | | | | | | | |
| F. | Undersigned gives th | r the student, including but not limited to a he IHSAA and its assigns, licensees and lega | any claims al represer | or disputes involving injury, eligibility, or rule violation. | | | | | | | |
| G. | cording of the student in all forms and media and in all manners, for any lawful purposes. Please check the appropriate space: | | | | | | | | | | |
| ٥. | | school student accident insurance. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | The student has football insurance through school. | | | | | | | |
| | ine student has | adequate family insurance coverage. | | The student does not have insurance. | | | | | | | |
| | Company: | | Poli | cy Number: | | | | | | | |
| (to | | AREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELI by all parents/guardians, emancipated students; w | | VISION. e or separation, parent with legal custody must sign) | | | | | | | |
| | Date: | Parent/Guardian/Emancipate | ed Stude | nt Signature: (X) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Printed: | | | | | | | |
| | Date: | Par | rent/Gua | rdian Signture: (X) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Printed: | | | | | | | |

CONSENT & RELEASE CERTIFICATE

Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. 9150 North Meridian St., P.O. Box 40650 Indianapolis, IN 46240-0650

File In Office of the Principal Separate Form Required for Each School Year

FORM D - 7/11

DLC: 6/24/2016

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

A Fact Sheet for Parents

FACTS

Sudden cardiac arrest is a rare, but tragic event that claims the lives of approximately 500 athletes each year in the United States. Sudden cardiac arrest can affect all levels of athletes, in all sports, and in all age levels. The majority of cardiac arrests are due to congenital (inherited) heart defects. However, sudden cardiac arrest can also occur after a person experiences an illness which has caused an inflammation to the heart or after a direct blow to the chest.

WARNING SIGNS

There may not be any noticeable symptoms before a person experiences loss of consciousness and a full cardiac arrest (no pulse and no breathing).

Warning signs can include a complaint of:

- Chest Discomfort
- Unusual Shortness of Breath
- · Racing or Irregular Heartbeat
- Fainting or Passing Out

EMERGENCY SIGNS - Call EMS (911)

If a person experiences any of the following signs, call EMS (911) immediately:

- If an athlete collapses suddenly during competition
- If a blow to the chest from a ball, puck or another player precedes an athlete's complaints of any of the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest
- If an athlete does not look or feel right and you are just not sure

How can I help my child prevent a sudden cardiac arrest?

Daily physical activity, proper nutrition, and adequate sleep are all important aspects of lifelong health. Additionally, parents can assist student athletes prevent a sudden cardiac arrest by:

- Ensuring your child knows about any family history of sudden cardiac arrest (onset of heart disease in a family member before the age of 50 or a sudden, unexplained death at an early age)
- Ensuring your child has a thorough preseason screening exam prior to participation in an organized athletic activity
- Asking if your school and the site of competition has an automatic defibrillator (AED) that is close by and properly maintained
- · Learning CPR yourself
- Ensuring your child is not using any non-prescribed stimulants or performance enhancing drugs
- Being aware that the inappropriate use of prescription medications or energy drinks can increase risk
- Encouraging your child to be honest and report symptoms of chest discomfort, unusual shortness of breath, racing or irregular heartbeat, or feeling faint

What should I do if I think my child has warning signs that may lead to sudden cardiac arrest?

- 1. Tell your child's coach about any previous events or family history
- 2. Keep your child out of play
- 3. Seek medical attention right away

Developed and Reviewed by the Indiana Department of Education's Sudden Cardiac Arrest Advisory Board (1-7-15)

CONCUSSION and SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE FORM FOR PARENTS AND STUDENT ATHLETES

| Student Athlete's Name (Please Print): | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sport Participating In (Current and Potential): | . , | | | | |
| School: | Grade: | | | | |
| IC 20-34-7 and IC 20-34-8 require schools to distribute in student athletes and their parents on the nature and risk arrest to student athletes, including the risks of continuing These laws require that each year, before beginning pracathlete and the student athlete's parents must be given return a form acknowledging receipt of the information of | of concussion, head injury and sudden cardiacing to play after concussion or head injury. Stice for an interscholastic sport, a student an information sheet, and both must sign and | | | | |
| IC 20-34-7 states that an interscholastic student athlete, concussion or head injury in a practice or game, shall be may not return to play until the student athlete has rece care provider trained in the evaluation and management twenty-four hours have passed since the injury occurred | removed from play at the time of injury and ived a written clearance from a licensed health of concussions and head injuries, and at least | | | | |
| IC 20-34-8 states that a student athlete who is suspected arrest shall be removed from play and may not return to permission from a parent or legal guardian for the stude hours, this verbal permission must be replaced by a written | play until the coach has received verbal nt athlete to return to play. Within twenty-four | | | | |
| Parent/Guardian - please read the attached fact sheets r and ensure that your student athlete has also received a fact sheets, please ensure that you and your student ath athlete return this form to his/her coach. | nd read these fact sheets. After reading these | | | | |
| As a student athlete, I have received and read both of th cardiac arrest. I understand the nature and risk of concuincluding the risks of continuing to play after concussion cardiac arrest. | ssion and head injury to student athletes, | | | | |
| (Signature of Student Athlete) | (Date) | | | | |
| I, as the parent or legal guardian of the above named stusheets regarding concussion and sudden cardiac arrest. and head injury to student athletes, including the risks of injury, and the symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest. | I understand the nature and risk of concussion | | | | |
| (Signature of Parent or Guardian) | (Date) | | | | |

A FACT SHEET FOR High School Parents



This sheet has information to help protect your teens from concussion or other serious brain injury.

What Is a Concussion?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury—or TBI—caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. This fast movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging the brain cells.

How Can I Help Keep My Teens Safe?

Sports are a great way for teens to stay healthy and can help them do well in school. To help lower your teens' chances of getting a concussion or other serious brain injury, you should:

- · Help create a culture of safety for the team.
 - Work with their coach to teach ways to lower the chances of getting a concussion.
 - Emphasize the importance of reporting concussions and taking time to recover from one.
 - Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
 - Tell your teens that you expect them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- When appropriate for the sport or activity, teach your teens that they must wear a helmet to lower the chances of the most serious types of brain or head injury. There is no "concussion-proof" helmet. Even with a helmet, it is important for teens to avoid hits to the head.

How Can I Spot a Possible Concussion?

Teens who show or report one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below—or simply say they just "don't feel right" after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body—may have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

Signs Observed by Parents

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- · Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- · Can't recall events prior to or after a hit or fall

Symptoms Reported by Teens

- · Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision
- · Bothered by light or noise
- · Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Confusion, or concentration or memory problems
- · Just not "feeling right," or "feeling down"

Talk with your teens about concussion. Tell them to report their concussion symptoms to you and their coach right away. Some teens think concussions aren't serious or worry that if they report a concussion they will lose their position on the team or look weak. Remind them that it's better to miss one game than the whole season.

