



ASTEC Charter Schools

Concussion and Head Injury Acknowledgement

CONCUSSION/HEAD INJURY FACT SHEET STUDENT-ATHLETES

MUST FILL OUT ONE FORM PER ATHLETE.

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

- A concussion is a brain injury
- Is caused by a bump or blow to the head
- Can change the way your brain normally works
- Can occur during practice or games in any sport
- Can be serious even if you have just been “dinged”

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not “feel right”

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE A CONCUSSION?

- Tell your coaches and parents. Never ignore a bump or blow to the head even if you feel fine. Also, tell your coach if one of your teammates may have a concussion.
- Get a medical checkup. A doctor or health care professional can tell you if you have a concussion and when you are OK to return to play.
- Give yourself time to get better. If you have had a concussion, your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have a second concussion. Additional concussions can cause damage to your brain. It is important to rest until you get approval from a doctor or health care professional to return to play.

HOW CAN I PREVENT A CONCUSSION?

- Follow your coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Practice good sportsmanship.
- Use the proper equipment, including personal protective equipment (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards—IN ORDER FOR EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT YOU, it must be the right equipment for the game, position and activity. It must be worn correctly and used every time you play.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

- www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/
- www.oata.net
- www.ossaa.com
- www.nfhslearn.com
- www.SportsConcussions.org

IT'S BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN THE WHOLE SEASON!

ASTEC CHARTER SCHOOLS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

In compliance with Oklahoma Statute Section 24-155 of Title 70, this acknowledgement form is to confirm that you have read and understand the CONCUSSION FACT SHEET provided to you above by ASTEC Charter Schools related to potential concussions and head injuries occurring during participation in athletics.

By signing below, I attest that I am a student-athlete who participates in ASTEC Charter School athletics and have read the information above provided by ASTEC Charter School related to concussions and head injuries occurring during participation in athletic programs and understand the content and warnings.

Student First and Last Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

By signing below, I attest that I am a parent or legal guardian of the student listed above who participates in ASTEC Charter School athletics and have read the information provided by ASTEC Charter School related to concussions and head injuries occurring during participation in athletic programs. I attest that I understand the content and warnings.

Parent/Legal Guardian First and Last Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

This form should be completed annually prior to the athlete's first practice and/or competition and be kept on file for one year beyond the date of signature in the principal's office or the office designated by the principal.