

**Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School****(Athletic Division of the Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School)  
Concussion Management Form**

*This Concussion Management Form must be shared with the parents / guardians of every BASCS student-athlete who anticipates representing BASCS in athletic competition. The expectations and program protocols articulated within this document will be strictly adhered to by BASCS administration, athletic coaching staff, and school based personnel attending any / all athletic sporting events.*

Managing the personal health and physical wellness of our student-athletes is a major focus at the Buffalo Academy Sciences Charter School. Student-athletes who suffer a head injury or concussion during active participation through practices, scrimmages, or sanctioned league contests will be required to complete the following steps listed below prior to being cleared for participation.

**Returning to Sports / Athletics**

**Please note: any student-athlete who has experienced a head injury must be symptom-free for a period of no less than 24-hours and must be medically cleared by their primary healthcare physician**

**Step 1**

Low impact non-strenuous light aerobic activity for short intervals, such as easy walking, biking, or swimming in three ten-minute intervals with rest in between; no resistance training

**Step 2**

Higher impact, higher exertion activity in two fifteen-minute intervals, such as running, jumping rope, other cardio activities; followed by rest in between activities. Student-athlete may have on light equipment, but cannot participate in any team drills or contact. No resistance training

**Step 3**

Repeat step 2 progressing with shorter breaks and adding additional activity time. Student-athlete may participate in stationary skill work such as dribbling, serving, or tossing a ball. Low resistance training can be done with close monitoring

**Step 4**

Repeat of step 3 without breaks in cardio, but skill work with movement (allowing balls to be manipulated in the direction of the student) is permitted. Student may participate in noncontact drills

**Step 5**

Repeat step 4 as a warm up activity, student-athlete is permitted to participate in weightlifting with a spotter and may also return to full contact training sessions with close monitoring

**Step 6**

Student-athlete may participate in fully as tolerated

**For purposes of the head injury RTP (Return to Play) protocol, an appropriate physician evaluation MUST be completed by a practicing Medical Doctor or a Doctor of Osteopathy within the following specialty areas:**

- **Family medicine**
- **Pediatrics**
- **Sports Medicine**
- **Neurology**
- **Neurosurgery**

**\*The physician evaluation form should document name, degree, specialty, practice name, address, and phone number**

**\*\*Additional information for parents and student-athletes can be found under the Athletics link on the school website**