



RUGBY ONTARIO CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT AND RETURN TO PLAY POLICY

(Excerpt from the Rugby Ontario Operations Manual)

3.3 Concussion Management & Return to Play

Policy:

3.3.1 All matches played under Rugby Ontario's jurisdiction must comply with [World Rugby Concussion Guidelines](#).

3.3.2. All registered coaches, managers, match officials and players, and their legal guardian if under the age of 18, are required at the point of registration to undertake all Ontario Ministry and Rugby Ontario requirements in relation to [Rowan's Law](#).

3.3.3 Suspected incidents of non-compliance with the above policy must be referred to the RO Office for follow-up and possible compliance action by the Discipline Committee - refer to: *Schedule of Sanctions* in Appendix A.

Procedures:

3.3.4 All players, coaches, parents, match officials, administrators, medical practitioners and other rugby stakeholders are strongly recommended to educate themselves on the above – referenced [World Rugby Concussion Guidelines](#) and, in particular, the *Graduated Return to Play Program*.

3.3.5 The Rugby Ontario Blue Card Concussion Initiative is applicable in all matches under the jurisdiction of Rugby Ontario. The protocols and implementation procedures are available at rugbyontario.com/bluecard.

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