



MINOR ATHLETE LIABILITY RELEASE
Spokane County Parks and Recreation

Spokane County Parks allows a maximum of 2 players aged 15 – 17 on each Spokane County adult sports team. The following liability release must be signed and returned to the Parks office prior to any youth participation.

Youth Participant _____ Program _____

Team Name _____ Captain _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

I hereby give permission for my child to play in a Spokane County adult sports program and understand that there are always risks and hazards involved in participating in sports, which may result in injury, and/or damages. I agree to hereby release and forever discharge the Spokane County Parks, City of Spokane Valley, and local school districts from all manner of liability and/or any claims of any injury or damage that may result from my child’s participation in this recreation program. In order to promote a safe and competitive environment, Spokane County Parks and Recreation reserves the right to refuse to accept registration at its discretion based on a player’s, team’s, or coach’s past failure to comply with the Revised Code of Washington, the Spokane County Code, the Spokane County Parks’ Rules and Regulations, and/or School District Rules and Regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

My youth athlete and I comply with mandated policies for the management of concussions and head injuries as prescribed by HB 1824, section 2. We have read and understand the attached information on concussions.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Youth Participant Signature _____ Date _____

For current information on concussions go to <http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/>

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CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET Spokane County Parks and Recreation

Adapted from the CDC and the 3rd International Conference on Concussion in Sport Document created 6/15/2009.

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 of 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 may include one or more of the following:

- Headaches
- “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 observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Unsure of game, score, opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior/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

WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF MY CHILD KEEPS ON PLAYING WITH A CONCUSSION OR RETURNS TOO 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 athlete 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-established return to play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years: “a youth 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’s better to miss one game than miss the whole season. **When in doubt, the athlete sits out.**