

BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL CONCUSSION POLICY

This policy will provide descriptive steps to ensure that the persons involved in the prevention, training management and return to activity decisions regarding students who incur head injuries while involved in extracurricular athletic activities in order to protect their health and safety as required by Massachusetts law and regulations. Upon adoption by the Board of Trustees the policy will be included, or synopsis thereof, in student/parent and teacher/coach handbooks of Bristol County Agricultural High School (BCAHS). Attached to this document are numerous resources that should be read and reviewed regularly throughout the athletic seasons. The nurse, athletic director, all coaches and volunteers will undergo annual training, provided online or otherwise, that is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH).

The athletic director will be responsible for the implementation of these protocols and policies. The athletic director will maintain documentation of all student forms and training verification of all individuals involved with extracurricular activities, including but not limited to, coaches, nurse, athletic trainers and volunteers. All training will be in accordance with 105 CMR 201:007.

The athletic director will maintain documentation of student physicals on an annual basis. Attached to this document are the forms issued by the athletic director to all parents and student athletes. All athletes and parents will sign a document that states that they have read and understand the fact sheet provided to them concerning concussion in high school sports. All student athletes will complete and parents will sign the "pre-Participation Form" prior to participation each season.

The school nurse and the athletic director will review the following forms: Pre-Participation Form, Report of Head Injury Form and Post Sports-Related Head Injury Medical Clearance and Authorization Form as necessary throughout the seasons. The nurse and athletic director will ensure that all individuals who need to know about an athlete's injury and plan for reentry to play and academics will be shared in accordance with Massachusetts Student Records Regulations and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations (FERPA).

All individuals, coaches, volunteers and others involved with athletic extracurricular activities will be expected to stress safety during all coaching and sporting events. Failure to comply with the policy by a student athlete may result in the forfeiture of game(s) or the remainder of the season based upon the recommendation of the coach, athletic director and confirmed/modified by the principal in accordance with school policy. The athletic director will