

STATE LAW REGARDING SPORTS RELATED HEAD INJURY & CONCUSSIONS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services now requires that all schools subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rules adhere to the following law. Student-athletes and their parents, coaches, athletic director, school nurses, and physicians must learn about the consequences of head injuries and concussions through training programs and written materials.

The law requires that athletes and their parents inform their coaches about prior head injuries at the beginning of the season. If a student athlete becomes unconscious during a game or practice, the law now mandates taking the student out of play or practice, and requires written certification from a licensed medical professional for “return to play.”

Parents and students who plan to participate in any athletic program at Agawam High School must receive and read a copy of the National Federation of State High School Associations Concussion Information Packet or take a **free** on-line course. Two **free** on-line courses are available and contain all the information required by the law.

The first is available through the National Federation of State High School Associations. You will need to click the “order here” button and complete a brief information form to register. At the end of the course, you will receive a completion receipt. The entire course, including registration, can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000>

The second on-line course is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

Please sign below that you have read the above and completed one of the courses listed or have read and understand the NFHS Concussion Information Materials. This is required in order to participate on any athletic team at Agawam High School. Thank you very much.

Parent/Guardian (print name)

Signature

Date

Student (print name)

Signature

Date

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