



PORT PERRY MINOR HOCKEY POLICY

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POLICY TITLE:	Return To Play
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Introduction

Port Perry Minor Hockey (PPMH) has a long history of providing opportunities for area youth to play Canada's national sport. Injuries occur to our players that necessitate a return to play understanding. In recognition of that, PPMH has developed this policy.

Purpose

This policy documents the framework for players returning from an injury. Head injury (concussions) is subject to additional procedural steps as outlined below.

Definitions

Convenor refers to House League Convenor or Rep Convenor

Communicable Disease a disease that may pass or be carried from one person to another directly or indirectly.

Staff refers to any member of a team's staff including: Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, and Manager.

Team Function refers to off-ice activities such as but not limited to: dryland training, off-ice team building activities, indoor off-ice practices.



Policy statements

1. If a team member staff suspects an injury or communicable disease they have the right to refuse a players participation in a game, practice or team function until a medical note from a doctor clearly indicating he/she can return to play is provided.
 - a. Staff must document their concerns with the appropriate league Convenor.
2. A head injury (concussion) will be subject to the following procedural steps:
 - a. A medical note from a doctor clearly indicating he/she can return to play must be provided to team staff.
 - i. If applicable, this note must indicate player is able to return to play where body contact is allowed during play.
 - b. An email from the players legal guardian to the team coach and appropriate Convenor indicating that the player has performed off-ice activities (elevating his/her heart rate) and has had no adverse symptoms.
 - c. The first return to play on-ice will be a practice where the legal guardian(s) and team staff will monitor the player.
 - d. A consultation between the legal guardian(s) of the player and team staff will occur before a return to game action occurs.
 - e. A final email from the legal guardian(s) of the player acknowledging that the previous four (4) steps have been completed must be sent to the Association attention: Vice President Operations and Appropriate Convenor.

Roles and responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Vice-President Operations to ensure the policy is fully implemented.

Non-compliance implications

Failure to comply with this policy could:

- Result in additional risk of injury to a player; and
- Damage the reputation of PPMH and its officers.

Related policies, procedures and directives

PPMH Position Paper – Head Injury

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