

In compliance to the recently passed legislation (School & Youth Programs Concussion Act Title 16-90-1) all Rhode Island schools, including RIIL member schools must adhere to the following requirements:

1. At the required **pre-season meeting for every season (§ 16-11.1-2 Duties of coach – Preseason lecture)**, all athletes, parents and a guardian must receive information as to the risk of concussions and/or traumatic brain injury and they (athlete/parent) shall sign an acknowledgement as to their receipt of such information. (Go to the RIIL website [www.riil.org], "**Concussions In Sports**" message and "**Click**" for a copy of the Concussions **Pamphlet**).
2. Schools must provide training materials for all teams made available by the United States Center for Disease Control entitled “Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports/Concussion in “youth sports.” (*The "Heads Up to Schools: Know Your Concussion ABC's" materials are part of CDC's Heads Up series of initiatives for different audiences. For great resources specifically designed for Youth Sports and High School Coaches, please also visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.*) The Department of Education and the RIIL will also post training materials on their websites.
3. All coaches, trainers and volunteers involved in a sport covered by this law must complete the NFHS Concussion Course prior to the start of their sport season (www.nfhslearn.com).
4. A concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete’s parent and/or guardian prior to the athletes return to practice or competition. (Go to the RIIL website [www.riil.org], "**Concussions In Sports**" message and "**Click**" for a copy of the Concussions **Pamphlet**).
5. Please visit: http://www.thriveri.org/moreinfo/whats_new.html for The RI concussion law information/resources.

Note:

1. An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time.
2. An athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until he/she is evaluated by a licensed physician and until the athlete receives written clearance to return to play from a licensed physician.