

# Oakville Basketball Club, Inc.

### CONCUSSION INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL

Oakville Basketball Club, Inc., adheres to the following Concussion Guidelines and ensures safety is our number one priority for all participants and/or individuals.

#### WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury that cannot be seen on routine x-rays, CT scans, or MRIs. It affects the way a person may think and remember things, and can cause a variety of symptoms. A concussion is a serious event, but you can recover fully from such an injury if the brain is given enough time to rest and recuperate. Returning to normal activities, including sport participation, is a step-wise process that requires patience, attention, and caution (Source: Think First – Return to Play Guideline, 2012).

## WHAT CAUSES A CONCUSSION?

Any blow to the head, face or neck, or a blow to the body, which causes a sudden jarring of the head may cause a concussion (i.e., a ball to the head, falling and hitting your head on the court).

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF A CONCUSSION?

Some symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- 1. THINKING PROBLEMS general confusion, disorientation
- 2. ATHLETE'S COMPLAINTS headache, dizziness, blurred vision
- 3. OTHER PROBLEMS vomiting, poor balance, slurred speech

NOTE: A player does not need to be knocked out (i.e., lose consciousness) to have a concussion.

To review all symptoms and required treatments, click here: http://www.parachutecanada.org/concussion

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