

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT POLICY

City of Pendleton, Parks and Recreation Department



To comply with ORS 417.875, also known as “Jenna’s Law”, Pendleton Parks and Recreation has adopted the following policies:

- 1) ***Mandated Training for Coaches and Officials:*** Coaches and officials are required to complete annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion. A certificate of completion must be returned to Parks and Recreation in order to meet this standard.
- 2) ***Coach and Official Responsibilities:*** a coach or official shall not allow any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or who has been diagnosed with a concussion, to return to that ***athletic*** contest ***or practice***, or any other athletic contest or practice on that same day.
- 3) ***Return to Participation:*** Until an athlete who has ***exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body or who*** suffered a concussion is no longer experiencing signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, and a medical release form signed by an appropriate Health Care Professional (Physician (MD), Physician’s Assistant (PA), Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) licensed by the Oregon State Board of Medicine, nurse practitioner licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, or Psychologist licensed by the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners) is obtained, the athlete shall not be permitted to return to athletic activity.
- 4) ***Concussion – Informed Consent Form:*** On an annual basis prior to participation, each participant 12 to 17 years of age, and at least one parent or legal guardian of the student must sign the Concussion–Informed Consent form acknowledging the receipt of information regarding symptoms and warning signs of concussions. If under age 12, only the parent/guardian must sign. A copy of each student’s signed form shall be retained on file.

Policy/law applies to non-school athletic teams that include members who are under 18 years of age.