

BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Jacki Goldklang
Recreation Director

FROM: Gina Affuso

DATE: April 22, 2015

RE: Resolution #94-2015 Adopting a Sports Related Concussion Protocol

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Attached please find a certified copy of Resolution # 94-2015 regarding Sports Related Concussion Protocol. This resolution was adopted at our regular meeting of April 21, 2015.

Please forward to each sports organization using municipal facilities.

If you need any further information please call me at the Borough Office.

**1775th REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 21, 2015
BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE**

RESOLUTION NO.: 94-2015

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SPORTS RELATED CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control estimates that 300,000 concussions are sustained during sports-related activities each year in the United States.

WHEREAS, a concussion is a traumatic brain injury (TBI) caused by a direct or indirect blow to the head or body.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the safety of young athletes, it is imperative that athletes, coaches, and parents/guardians are educated about the nature and treatment of sports-related concussions and brain injuries.

WHEREAS, allowing a young athlete to return to play before recovering from a concussion increases the chance of a more serious brain injury that can result in severe disability and/or death.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge that the following protocol shall be applicable to each sports organization sponsored by the municipality or using municipal facilities:

1. When a concussion is suspected during a practice or competition:
 - a. The athlete shall be immediately removed from competition or practice and 911 should be called if there is a deterioration of symptoms, loss of consciousness, or direct neck pain associated with the injury;
 - b. In addition to the appropriate official in the sports organization, the coach or manager shall notify parents/guardians and inform them of the suspected sports-related concussion;
 - c. The child shall be evaluated by a physician who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions to determine whether or not a diagnosis of concussion is warranted;
 - d. Information and instruction regarding return to learn and return to play shall be provided to the parents/guardians;
 - e. The child must receive written clearance from a physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions that states the student-athlete is asymptomatic at rest.

2. Pursuant to the requirements of NJSA 2A:62A-6, all staff, volunteers, coaches and officials shall complete a brain injury prevention training program that includes information about risk of concussion, prevention of concussion, and return to academic and sports-related activities when a concussion is suspected during practice and/or competition.
3. On an annual basis, each such sports organization shall provide the municipality with a list of all such staff, volunteers, coaches and officials along with evidence of completion of a course that meets the requirements of this period.
4. If a sports organization is based in another municipality that has similar requirements, compliance with the requirements of this resolution can be met by producing a letter from the Municipal Clerk of the home town verifying that such organization is in compliance with that town's protocol.
5. If a sports organization sponsored by this municipality uses facilities of any Board of Education, it shall comply with that BOE's sports concussion prevention program adopted pursuant to NJSA 8A:40-41.3.
6. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to:
 - a. Each sports organization using municipal facilities;
 - b. The Board of Education (and regional Board of Education if applicable);
 - c. The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey, Concussion in Youth Sports Committee, 825 Georges Road, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902;


Approved:



Paul S. Sarlo, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Gina Affuso, Borough Clerk for the Borough of Wood-Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2015.



Gina Affuso, Borough Clerk