

# *OHF Concussion Code of Conduct*

2019-2020

## **I will help prevent concussions by my commitment to:**

- Wearing the proper equipment for my sport and wearing it correctly;
- Respecting the rules of my sport or activity; and
- My commitment to fair play and respect for all\* (respecting other athletes, coaches, team trainers and officials).

## **I will care for my and others health and safety by taking concussions seriously, and I understand that:**

- A concussion is a brain injury that can have both short- and long-term effects;
- A blow to the head, face or neck, or a blow to the body that causes the brain to move around inside the skull may cause a concussion; and
- A person doesn't need to lose consciousness to have had a concussion.

## **I will commit to:**

- report any possible concussion received during participation in the OHF to a designated person;
- recognizing a concussion or possible concussion and the reporting to a designated person when an individual suspects that another individual may have sustained a concussion;
- sharing any pertinent information regarding incidents of a removal from sport with the Player's school and other sport organization with which the player has registered;
- sharing any pertinent information regarding incidents of a concussion that have occurred outside of participation in the OHF to a designated person with your/individual's Team;
- Complete Injury Report Forms in a timely manner and ensure they are submitted to the Member;
- Give commitment to providing opportunities before and after each training, practice and competition to enable participants to discuss potential issues related to concussions; and
- Maintain an open dialogue with all athletes and participants (and parents/guardians in cases of minors) about their health and any signs and symptoms of concussion they may experience.

## **I will commit to respect the OHF Removal and Return to Play Protocol by:**

- Understanding that if I have a suspected concussion, I will be removed from sport and that I will not be able to return to training, practice or competition until I undergo a medical assessment by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner and have been medically cleared to return to training, practice or competition;
- Understanding I will have to be medically cleared by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner before returning to training, practice or competition;
- Respect the roles and responsibilities of all coaches and health care professionals in Return to Play protocol; and
- Respond appropriately with Return to Play protocols if a participant is experiencing concussion related symptoms or if you suspect any participant has sustained a concussion.

