ECU CRW CONCUSSION FACTSHEET

Athletes who experience one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body may have a concussion.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR:

SYMPTOMS
- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not “feeling right” or is “feeling down”

SIGNS
- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can’t recall events after hit or fall

RED FLAGS- SEEK URGENT MEDICAL EVALUATION:
1. Neck pain or tenderness
2. Double vision
3. Weakness/tingling/burning in arms or legs
4. Severe or increasing headache
5. Seizure or convulsions
6. Deteriorating conscious state
7. Vomiting
8. Increasingly restless, agitated or combative

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS IF THE ATHLETE PRESENTS WITH NO RED FLAGS:

HEADS UP ACTION PLAN:
1. Remove the athlete from play.
2. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury.
3. Allow athlete to get a full night of uninterrupted sleep.
4. Encourage athlete to eat a balance diet.
5. Decrease screen use and strenuous brain activity.
6. Schedule an evaluation with an appropriate health care provider for further evaluation, management and activity recommendations.

IMPORTANT PHONENUMBERS:

ECU Campus Rec & Wellness
HEAD Athletic Trainer

NAME: Jennifer “JP” Pidgeon
PHONE: O: (252) 328-2815 Work Cell (252) 414-2462
EMAIL: pidgeonj19@ecu.edu

ECU Campus Rec & Wellness
GA Athletic Trainers

NAME: Christi Ferrell, Christina Turner & Tony Nguyen
PHONE: O: (252) 737-2604
EMAIL: crwathletictraining@ecu.edu

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ▶️ www.facebook.com/CDCHeadsUp

TO LEARN MORE, GO TO >> WWW.CDC.GOV/CONCUSSION

Content Source: CDC’s Heads Up Program. Created through a grant to the CDC Foundation from the (NOCSA)National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment.