

2010 SRI Bulletin 1

Concussion Management-Injury Time-Out

Question: Does a player who has been removed for a suspected concussion have to sit out one play, or can his team “buy” his way back into the game by requesting a team time-out? Answer: The player shall be replaced for at least one down. The player is considered to be an apparently injured player per Rule 3-5-10a.

Concussion Management–Guidelines for Officials

- The **SOLE** role of an official is to stop play and remove a player that shows signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion. Refer to Points of Emphasis and Suggested Guidelines on pages 82 and 100 of the 2010 Rule Book.
- Note time and quarter on game card when player is removed. Referee and wing official on player’s sideline will notify head coach or his designee. Make sure coach knows player is being removed for a suspected concussion as opposed to behavior, a non-concussive injury, equipment or other issues.
- The game official is **NOT** responsible for the sideline evaluation or management of the athlete after he or she is removed from play.
- The official does **NOT** need written permission for an athlete to return nor does the official need to verify the credentials of the appropriate health-care professional.
- The responsibility of further evaluating and managing the symptomatic athlete falls upon the school and the appropriate health-care professionals.

Socks and Shoe Laces

I am aware of one league that plans to have players wear pink socks and pink shoe laces for one game during the season as a fund raiser for Breast Cancer Awareness. Socks and shoe laces are not a part of the required uniform, therefore they can be any color.

Jerseys

Officials are reminded that jerseys are to be tucked in per Rule 1-5-1b1. Also look at Case Book play 1.5.1 Situation B. I don’t want flags thrown for untucked jerseys even after you get tired of giving multiple warnings and admonitions. Unfortunately, some football rules have put officials in the uncomfortable role of being the fashion police.