

DIVISION: 2010 Ontario Winter Games
PORTFOLIO: Medical Services
SUBJECT: ATHLETE CONCUSSION ASSESSMENT
POLICY #:

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Description

In order to maintain the highest level of safety and medical care at the 2010 Ontario Winter Games, a protocol for the consistent screening of head injuries needs to be implemented.

Policy

The 2010 Ontario Winter Games will adhere to the 2008 Zurich Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport.

In doing so the following on-field or sideline evaluation will be completed (as per the 2008 Consensus document):

- I. The player should be medically evaluated onsite using standard emergency management principles, and particularly attention should be given to excluding a cervical spine injury.
- II. The appropriate disposition of the player must be determined by the treating healthcare provider in a timely manner. If no healthcare provider is available, the player should be safely removed from play and urgent referral to a physician arranged.
- III. Once the first aid issues are addressed, then an assessment of the concussive injury should be made using the SCAT2 or other similar tool.
- IV. The player should not be left alone following the injury, and serial monitoring for deterioration is essential over the initial few hours following injury.
- V. A player with diagnosed concussion should not be allowed to return to play on the day of the injury.

Any potential concussive injury should be relayed to the 2010 Ontario Winter Games Medical Chair.