

“A Grass Roots Approach”

TEMPLATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Section Concussion Management Teams

Each section will establish a concussion management team (CMT) with the following as possible members: **Executive Director, Coordinator of Safety Committee, a School Physician, NYSAAA Rep., a Neuropsychologist, a School Nurse and a Certified Athletic Trainer (preferably working with ImPACT).**

The Section CMT shall:

- Keep member schools aware of the importance of concussion management
- Be a resource and provide information to the schools
- Encourage each school to develop a CMT with a “point person” as a leader and liaison to the Section CMT
- Provide CM Workshops as needed
- Encourage schools to utilize ImPACT (or a similar neurocognitive testing tool)
- Provide hands on workshops for the use of ImPACT
- Encourage schools to utilize the website: www.keepyourheadinthegame.org as a reference; as a place to register for ImPACT; a place to find medical centers that treat concussed athletes on the “Awareness List”; and, a place for the latest research.
- Plan for the Section CMT to become a financially self-sustaining organization.

School Concussion Management Teams

Each member school shall establish its local concussion management team with the following as possible members: **school physician, school nurse, athletic administrator, certified athletic trainer, school psychologist or any interested professional.**

The School CMT shall:

- Keep all coaches and staff up to date on concussion management and protocol
- Select a “point person” to act as the leader and liaison to the Section CMT
- Help to identify concussed athletes and monitor care along with return to school and play
- Develop a school concussion management protocol which is to be approved by the Board of Education – the school physician must be informed and involved
- Reinforce the school physician has the authority and responsibility to approve all return to play releases (working with the ATC if the school has one)