

Cal North Concussion Protocols

Coaches

At Cal North, our number one goal is to promote and champion the safety of our players. To better protect and treat players that may have sustained a concussion, Cal North has developed a protocol for assessing, managing, reporting and protecting these players. Our goal is to help educate coaches, referees, parents and players to insure that players who suffer potential concussions are properly evaluated and treated before returning to play.

Cal North has three documents that coaches should be familiar with and carry at every practice and game in case a player becomes injured. All are available online at the links below:

1. Cal North Accident report form.
 - a. Coaches should fill out this form for any player injury to alert Cal North Staff and initiate the Insurance Claims process.
2. Cal North Concussion Procedure and Protocol
 - a. This document explains possible concussion signs and symptoms, treatment recommendations and the process for clearing a player to return to play.
3. Cal North Possible Concussion Report form
 - a. Coaches and parents should fill out and send this form to the Cal North office for every case of a possible concussion.

Coaches should also submit a CCSL Incident report for any potentially serious injury at

<https://www.gotsport.com/forms/open/form.asp?FormID=1026>

Referees

Referees are being instructed to ask players who have a head impact with another player, the ground or a goal post and display any symptoms of a possible concussion to leave the field. They are requesting that the coach not allow the player to return to the game. Referees may also confiscate the player's pass. Confiscated player passes will be delivered to an appropriate league/club official or the Cal North office. The actions of the referee are not intended to indicate any type of medical diagnosis, they are simply being asked to use their judgment regarding a possible concussion for the safety of the player.

If a referee does not ask that a player be removed from the match, the coach is still responsible for protecting the safety of the player and following the Cal North Concussion Procedure and Protocol.