

## EAST GIBSON SCHOOL CORPORATION CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY POLICY

As of July 1, 2012 a new law "Student Athletes: Concussions and Head Injuries" (IC 20-34-7) will take effect.

The East Gibson School Corporation will distribute information sheets to inform and educate East Gibson School Corporation coaches, physical education teachers, students, student athletes, and parents of a student and a student athlete concerning the nature and risk of concussion and head injury including the risks of continuing to play after a concussion or head injury. The East Gibson School Corporation will require that each year, before beginning practice for an interscholastic, intramural sport, or physical education class, a grade 5 -12 student, student athlete and the student's and student athlete's parents must be given an information sheet, and both the student and the parent must sign and return the Concussion Acknowledgement and Signature Form to the student athlete's coach or student's physical education teacher. WMJH/ WMHS student athlete's coach or physical education teacher will give the acknowledgement to the athletic office for filing. Elementary student athlete's coach or physical education teacher will give the acknowledgement to the Principal's Office for filing.

A grade 5-12 student or athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice, a game, or physical education class, shall be removed from play at the time of the injury. The student or student athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the student or student athlete has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries; and receives a written clearance to return to play from the health care provider who evaluated the student athlete; and not less than twenty-four (24) hours have passed since the student athlete was removed from play.

Prior to coaching, all football coaches and assistant football coaches shall complete an approved certified coaching education that includes concussion awareness, equipment fitting, proper technique, and heat emergency preparedness. A coach shall complete a course not less than once during a two (2) year period. However, if the coach receives notice from the organizing entity that new information has been added to the course before the end of the two (2) year period, the coach must complete instruction and successfully complete a test concerning the new information. Certificates of completion shall be kept on file in the high school athletic office.

**All other** East Gibson School Corporation coaches and physical education teachers will be required to participate in the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) online concussion training, completing a concussion certification course. Each school year, prior to any practices, games, or physical education classes, every EGSC coach and physical education teacher must turn in the concussion training certificate of completion to the elementary/high school athletic office for filing.

The East Gibson School Corporation will post the "Student Athletes: Concussion and Head Injuries Law" (IC-20-34-7), Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 234, Student Fact Sheet, Parent Fact Sheet, IDOE's FAQ, Concussion Acknowledgement and Signature Form, and the Concussion Evaluation and Release to Play Form for Licensed Health Care Providers forms on the Corporation website. All forms will also be available in the school offices.