

## Syracuse Challenger Baseball Concussion Policy

At each of the field locations, Mattydale and Carrier Park, the presence of one individual associated with Syracuse Challenger Baseball who is currently EMT qualified or is currently certified in Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety, the P.R.E.P.A.R.E. Course by the National Center for Sport Safety, or their equivalent. Additionally, one individual from every team will be certified in Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety.

### CONCUSSION RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES:

A participant who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or a head injury in a practice, game or competition shall be removed from practice, play or competition at that time based on evaluation and determination by the Head Coach. However, if an official qualified medical professional is on site and available to render such evaluation, that person shall always have final authority as to removal or return to play of the participant.

When an official licensed athletic trainer or other official qualified medical professional is not present, and a parent or guardian of the injured player is serving as head coach, the final authority on removal of a participant shall rest with the league executive director, director or the top ranking assistant head coach; whomever is present and highest in the Syracuse Challenger Baseball chain of command.

Any Syracuse Challenger Baseball participant who has been removed from practice, play or competition due to a head injury or suspected concussion may not return to Syracuse Challenger Baseball activities until the participant has been evaluated by a currently licensed medical professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and receives written clearance to return to play from that licensed practitioner. Parents or guardians can also contact the following **health care professionals for concussion management:**

#### **CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPSTATE SPORTS CONCUSSION PROGRAM**

Institute for Human Performance | 505 Irving Ave | Syracuse, NY  
315.464.8986 | [www.upstate.edu/concussion](http://www.upstate.edu/concussion)

#### **Concussion Management Program & Upstate Sports Concussion Program**

Improving the understanding and treatment of concussion and sports-related concussion through research, community education, and comprehensive clinical services.

**Program Director, Brian P. Rieger, PhD**  
**Medical Director, Claudine Ward, MD**  
**For more information or to schedule an**  
**Appointment call: 315-464-8986**

In the absence of an official licensed athletic trainer or other official qualified medical professional, at Syracuse Challenger Baseball events, the Executive Director (or the on site Program Director, in the absence of the Executive Director) shall be the final authority on removal of a participant for a suspected head injury or concussion.

All decisions will be made in the best interest of the children and that when any doubt exists as to the health of the participants, they sit out. Please check [www.cdc.gov/concussion](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion) for Center for Disease Control (CDC) signs and symptoms chart for concussions.