Nebraska Concussion Awareness Act – Quick Facts
Amended 2014

• Concussion Awareness Act applies to:
  ✓ Approved or accredited public, private, denominational or parochial schools
    (does not include higher education/college and university) Section 4.
  ✓ Athletes 19 years of age or younger that participate in organized sports (“any
    city, village, business or nonprofit that organizes sports, charges a fee or is
    sponsored by a business or nonprofit organization.”) Section 5

• Education provided for:
  ✓ Coaches. Training approved by the Chief Medical officer must be made
    available to all coaches.
  ✓ Parents and student athletes. Concussion and brain injury information must
    be provided:
    o On an annual basis and
    o Prior to the start of practice or competition.

• Removal from Play
  ✓ Any student athlete or athlete shall be removed from play when they are
    reasonably suspected of having a concussion by a coach or licensed health
    care professional.
  ✓ If an athlete is removed from activity due to reasonable suspicion of suffering
    a concussion:
    ▪ Parents or Guardians must be notified of the date and approximate
      time of the injury and the signs and symptoms that were observed, as
      well as any actions taken to treat.

• Return to Play
  ✓ A student-athlete or athlete may be allowed to return to play when:
    ▪ They have been evaluated by a licensed health care professional
    ▪ They have received written clearance from the licensed health care
      professional;
    ▪ They have submitted the written and signed clearance to resume
      participation in athletic activities accompanied by written permission to
      resume participation from the student’s parent or guardian.

• Return to Learn
  ✓ Establish a return to learn protocol for students that have sustained a
    concussion. The return to learn protocol shall recognize that students who
    have sustained a concussion and returned to school may need informal or
    formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum, and monitoring by
    medical or academic staff until the student is fully recovered.

• For more information, please refer to:
  ✓ Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
    http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/concussions
  ✓ Nebraska Department of Education
    http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/birsst.html