



BLUE CARD – CLUB OFFICIALS KEY POINTS

When a player from your Club is issued with a Blue Card:

- The player, Club President and Club Secretary will be notified in writing by Rugby Ontario that the player has been stood down from playing rugby because of a concern regarding concussion.
- The player will be made “inactive” in the registration system.
- In the event that the player issued a Blue Card, for whatever reason, is mistakenly identified in a Match Official’s match report, the Club shall notify Rugby Ontario as soon as practicable following the receipt of the Blue Card notification.
- The player is required to seek medical attention, ideally within 24 to 48 hours and provide the Club President, Secretary and their team coach with a copy of the Rugby Ontario Medical Assessment Letter completed by their doctor.
- If the player **is not** diagnosed with a concussion they may resume full participation in all rugby related activities and will be returned to “active” status in the registration system.
- If the player is diagnosed with a concussion they must undertake the World Rugby Graduated Return to Play (GRTP) program.
- Before the player can commence contact practice and resume playing, they must provide the Club President, Secretary and their team coach with the Rugby Ontario Medical Clearance Letter, completed and signed by a medical doctor.
- This clearance must be submitted to Rugby Ontario no later than 9am on the business day prior to a scheduled match in which a return to play is planned. The player will then be returned to “active” status in the registration system.
- If a player participates in a match prior to clearance for return to play being issued by Rugby Ontario (i.e. whilst the player’s status is “inactive”), both the player and their Club may be sanctioned in accordance with the Rugby Ontario Schedule of Sanctions.

For full information on Rugby Ontario’s Blue Card Initiative please go to

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