

**Turners Falls High School and Great Falls Middle School
Office of the School Nurse
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September 22, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian/Athlete,

Please be advised that in accordance with the new concussion rule, any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the athletic contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

If your athlete exhibits any of the above signs, symptoms or behaviors, their coach will advise you of this rule. In order for your athlete to resume participation in their sport they will require a medical release from a physician. The MIAA Return to Athletic Participation Form should be used for this purpose and for any serious injury prior to further participation in that sport. The form is available at:

<http://www.miaa.net/WB22-ReturnPart.fdf>

Please call or see the Athletic Director, Gary Mullins or one of your school nurses, Barbara Fish or Vickie Healy with any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Fish RN, BSN, NCSN
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