

Loyola High School Athletic Department

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the last several years there has been a tremendous amount of reports about concussions and the dangers that they can cause. In an effort to help evaluate a concussion Loyola High School has purchased a computer based neurocognitive test. This test is another tool to help physicians and our athletic trainer evaluate and determine when it is safe for an athlete to return to competition. The test does not replace a thorough medical evaluation from a licensed physician.

Evaluating a concussion is one of the hardest things to do; it is especially harder when the determination to return to play has to be made. Most of the test for a concussion and return to play are subjective tests in which the athlete is entrusted to answer the questions honestly. Even though the athlete has had an MRI or CT Scan this alone cannot tell a physician if the brain has recovered enough from a concussion. The use of a computer based neurocognitive test can help give the physician and/or athletic trainer more information than just what the athlete says.

The test Loyola High School has purchased is called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam utilized in many professional, collegiate, and high school programs across the country. The program works by having an athlete take a test prior to his season to establish a baseline score. If an athlete should sustain a concussion the test will then be retaken at specific intervals to help evaluate if the athlete has recovered from the head injury. The test cannot be administered the same day as the incident. The information gathered from the test will be only used if an athlete sustains a concussion. At no time will the information or scores from the test be released or shared with anyone except the physician and/or athletic trainer.

The test takes approximately 20 minutes and is non-invasive, and poses no risk to the athlete. The athletic trainer in the Loyola computer lab will administer the test. You can go to www.impacttest.com to learn more about the program.

By signing the consent form you are giving permission for Loyola High School to have your son become part of the ImPACT program. If you should have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call Tim Moscicki ATC at 213-381-5121x126 or email tmoscicki@loyolahs.edu. Once again this test is only another tool to be used if your son should sustain a head injury. We feel very strongly that with this program we can not only evaluate head injuries better, but also make a clearer decision as when a athlete can return to play.

Sincerely,

Tim Moscicki ATC
Athletic Trainer - Loyola High School

CONSENT FORM

I have read and understand the above information. I agree to have my/our son participate in the ImPACT Concussion Management Program at Loyola High School.

Student Name (Please print) _____

Sport _____

Signature of Athlete _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____