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Youth concussion assessment and clearance.**(A) For purposes of this rule:**

- (1) "Interscholastic athletics" means an athletic activity, that is an interscholastic extracurricular activity as defined in section 3313.535 of the Revised Code, that a school or school district sponsors or participates in and that includes participants from more than one school or school district.
- (2) "Youth" means an individual between the ages of four and nineteen who participated in youth sports organization or interscholastic athletics and was removed from practice or competition under division (D) of section 3707.511 of the Revised Code or division (D) of section 3313.539 of the Revised Code, based on exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury while participating in practice or competition.
- (3) "Youth sports organization" has the same meaning as in section 3707.51 of the Revised Code and means a public or nonpublic entity that organizes an athletic activity in which the athletes are not more than nineteen years of age and are required to pay a fee to participate in the athletic activity or whose cost to participate is sponsored by a business or nonprofit organization.
- (4) "Zurich Guidelines" means the Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport: the 4th International Conference on Concussion in Sport held in Zurich, November 2012.

(B) A clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner may assess and clear a youth to return to practice or competition if all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The nurse's specialty must include care and treatment of patients aged four through nineteen years of age and the nurse must collaborate with a physician whose practice includes this age group;
- (2) The nurse has completed education and training in the detection of concussion, its clinical features, assessment techniques, and the principles of safe return to play protocols consistent with the Zurich Guidelines;
- (3) The nurse has maintained competency and completed continuing education in the detection of concussion, its clinical features, assessment techniques, and the principles of safe return to play protocols consistent with the Zurich Guidelines; and
- (4) The nurse uses the medical clearance return to play after suspected concussion form located at: <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/forms.htm> (2015).

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