



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your team or sports organization is currently implementing an innovative program for evaluating and treating head injuries (e.g., concussion). In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, your team or sports organization has partnered with your local healthcare organization and the Wisconsin Sports Concussion Collaborative (WSCC) to acquire a software tool called ImPACT™ (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT™ is a computerized exam developed by concussion experts at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and used in many professional, collegiate, and high school sports programs across the country to assist with the diagnosis and management of head injuries. Neurocognitive tests such as ImPACT™ are fast becoming the “gold standard” in recognizing and managing head injuries. Additional information about ImPACT™ can be found at www.impacttest.com. Additional information about WSCC can be found at Wisportsconcussion.org.

Your team or sports organization is asking student athletes to take the computerized exam before beginning contact sport practice or competition. This test is set up in “video-game” type format and takes about 20-25 minutes to complete. The ImPACT™ test is a pre-season physical of the brain. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration, but it is not an IQ test. The ImPACT™ test is non-invasive and poses no risks to your child.

If your child suffers a head injury and a concussion is suspected, your child will be referred to a physician or clinician for evaluation. The physician or clinician will be affiliated with a health care organization that is a member of the WSCC. When possible, you will have the opportunity to choose the health care organization from a list of current WSCC members. The physician or clinician may recommend that your child take the post-injury ImPACT™ test. The health care organization will maintain your child’s pre-season and post-injury test data, if any, on a secure server maintained by ImPACT™. Your child’s test data will only be available to that health care organization, except as described below. If your child suffers a head injury, you will be contacted with additional details about how to proceed.

Your child’s test data may be made available to persons other than the physician or clinician evaluating your child, as follows:

- The physician or clinician evaluating your child may choose to make your child’s test data available to other health care providers who are being consulted regarding the treatment of your child.
- Your child’s test data may also be utilized by WSCC and UPMC to treat other athletes with similar head injuries or in studies conducted by WSCC and UPMC on head injuries. However, the identity of your child will not be disclosed to WSCC or UPMC if the test results are used for these purposes.
- Your child’s test data may also be made available to individuals authorized by WSCC in order to maintain and administer the WSCC program.

Your child’s health and safety are at the forefront of the student athletic experience, and we are excited to implement this program. Please return two (2) copies of this form with the appropriate signatures. Retain the third copy for your records. If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact the provider testing your child.

Sincerely,
Wisconsin Sports Concussion Collaborative

PERMISSION SLIP

For use of the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT™)

I have read and understood the above information and give permission for my son/daughter to take the ImPACT™ Baseline Concussion Test. If my son/daughter will be taking the test on a home computer, I also agree to ensure a valid test by requiring that they follow the test taking recommendations as well as by supervising them during the test taking process.

Printed Name of Athlete _____

Signature of Athlete _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____