

Gardner-Webb University Concussion Policy

- 1) All Gardner-Webb University student-athletes must read the *NCAA Concussion Fact Sheet* and sign the attached *Student-Athlete Concussion Statement* acknowledging that:
 - a. they have read and understand the *NCAA Concussion Fact Sheet*
 - b. they accept the responsibility for reporting their injuries and illnesses to the Athletic Training staff and Team Physicians, including signs and symptoms of concussions.
- 2) All Gardner-Webb University coaches (head coaches and assistant coaches), Athletic Directors, Certified Athletic Trainers and Team Physicians: must read and sign the attached *Coaches Concussion Statement* acknowledging that:
 - a. they have read and understand the *NCAA Concussion Fact Sheet*
 - b. they will encourage their student-athletes to report any suspected injuries and illnesses to the Athletic Training staff and Team Physicians, including signs and symptoms of concussions; and that they accept the responsibility for referring any student-athlete to the Athletic Training staff and Team Physicians suspected of sustaining a concussion.
 - c. they have read and understand the Gardner-Webb University Concussion Management Protocol.

The Gardner-Webb University Athletic Training staff will be responsible for providing student-athletes with the *NCAA Concussion Fact Sheet* and will distribute the *Student-Athlete Concussion Statement* for each student-athlete to sign. Signed copies of the *Student-Athlete Concussion Statement* will be kept in the student-athletes medical file. Student-athletes will not be allowed to participate in athletically related activities until having completed and signed the *Student-Athlete Concussions Statement* along with all other required insurance and medical paperwork (including receiving a pre-participation physical).

The Assistant Athletic Director for NCAA Compliance will be responsible for providing head coaches, assistant coaches, Athletic Directors, Certified Athletic Trainers, and Team Physicians the *NCAA Concussion Fact Sheet* and will distribute the *Coaches Concussion Statement* for each individual to sign. Signed copies of the *Coaches Concussion Statement* will be kept in the Assistant Athletic Director for NCAA Compliance coaches' file.

The Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Training and Athletic Training staff (in consultation with Team Physicians) will review the Concussion Policy and Concussion Management Protocol annually and will be responsible for updating this policy and disseminating changes as necessary.



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