

## RAPID FIRE F.C CONCUSSION AWARENESS & INJURY PROTOCOL FORM

Season: (Year/Season)	
Player's Name:	
Player's Date of Birth: / /	
Parent/Guardian Name:	

### I. Concussion Awareness

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury (TBI) that occurs when a hit, bump, or jolt to the head or body causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. Concussions can occur in soccer due to collisions, falls, or heading the ball improperly.

A player with a suspected concussion may experience:

- Headache or "pressure" in the head
- Dizziness, balance problems, or nausea
- Blurred vision or sensitivity to light/noise
- Confusion, memory problems, or difficulty concentrating
- Slowed speech or response time
- Drowsiness, fatigue, or trouble sleeping

If a player exhibits any of these symptoms after a hit or fall, they should be removed from play immediately and evaluated by a medical professional.

## II. Return-to-Play Protocol

In the event of a suspected concussion, Rapid Fire F.C. will follow the "When in Doubt, Sit Them Out" policy.

- 1. Immediate Removal: Any player showing signs of a concussion will be removed from play and not allowed to return the same day.
- 2. Medical Evaluation Required: The player must be assessed by a licensed healthcare provider before returning to practice or games.



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## III. Parent & Player Agreement

- I, the undersigned, understand the risks of concussions and the importance of proper evaluation and recovery. I acknowledge that:
- ✓ My child and I have reviewed the concussion symptoms and understand the injury risks.
- ✓ My child and I have reviewed the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HEADS UP site at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/index.html</a> to recognize, respond to and minimize the risk of concussion.
- ✓ I will inform coaches of any concussion history.
- ✓ I will ensure my child follows the Return-to-Play protocol after a concussion.
- $\checkmark$  I release Rapid Fire F.C., its coaches, and staff from any liability related to concussion management.

Player's Name (Printed):	
Player's Signature:	Date: / /
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed):	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date: / /
Coach's Name (Printed):	
Coach's Signature:	Date: / /