

Contest officials are required to ask the following three questions during the pregame meeting with coaches. Officials must ask these questions for all contests at all levels in the regular season and the postseason.

1. <u>Do you have medical personnel (athletic trainer, team physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant) at today's event?</u>

If <u>YES</u>, where is he/she located?

Students who are removed from the contest because of a head injury or concussion symptoms are allowed to return to play that day if given clearance by their school-approved medical personnel.

• If **NO**, play the game anyway.

If school-approved medical personnel is not present, students from that school who are removed from the contest because of a head injury or concussion symptoms are not allowed to return that day.

- 2. <u>Has the visiting team's administration given permission for the home team's medical personnel to clear participants to return to play after a head injury or concussion symptoms?</u>
- If <u>YES</u>, the home team's medical personnel will cooperate with the visiting team as necessary.
- If **NO** or **I DON'T KNOW**, play the game anyway.

If school-approved medical personnel is not present, students who are removed from the contest because of a head injury or concussion symptoms are not allowed to return that day.

3. Is there an AED at the contest?

- If YES, where is it located, and who is responsible for it if we need it?
- If <u>NO</u>, play the game anyway.

Officials must submit a Special Report in the Officials Center if they officiated a contest at a site where an AED was not available.

Officials must submit a Special Report in the Officials Center when a student is removed from a contest because of a head injury or concussion symptoms.

Examples:

#22 from Springfield left the game in the second quarter because of a head injury. He did not return to the game.

#34 from Marion left the game in the first quarter because of concussion symptoms. Marion's athletic trainer cleared the student at halftime. #34 played in the third and fourth quarters of the game.