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CONCUSSION AND SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST		6413
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Concussion.¹ Each authorized charter school participating in organized athletic activities shall adopt a policy that establishes guidelines to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes, and other adults involved in youth athletics about the nature, risk, and symptoms of concussion and head injury. At minimum, the policy shall include the completion of the National Federation of State High School Associations Elective Course – Concussion for Sports online course for the athletic director and all coaches, as well as providing concussion/head injury information sheets for parents/guardians and students to review and sign prior to participation in athletics. Additionally, the policy shall include procedures for removal from athletics for any individual who shows signs, symptoms, and/or behaviors consistent with a concussion and who may not return without written clearance from a licensed health care provider.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest.² Each authorized charter school participating in organized athletic activities shall adopt a policy addressing the prevention and treatment of sudden cardiac arrest that includes, at minimum, completion of the National Federation of State High School Associations Elective Course – Sudden Cardiac Arrest online course for the athletic director and all coaches, whether employed or volunteer, as well as providing sudden cardiac arrest information sheets for parents/guardians and students to review and sign prior to participation in athletics. Additionally, the policy shall include procedures for removal from athletics for any individual who shows signs, symptoms, and/or behaviors consistent with sudden cardiac arrest and who may not return without written clearance from a licensed health care provider.

Legal References:

¹ T.C.A. §§ 68-55-501- 502

² T.C.A. § 68-6-101, et seq.