



## Colorado Referees

3/10/2017 - Update to Recertification Education 2017  
Player Passes & Concussion Protocol

In the 2017 re-certification education material, the instructions indicated referees should retain the player pass of a player with a suspected head injury/concussion and mail that pass to the CSA office. This is an important update to this procedure since the recertification materials were launched.

Per the [Colorado Soccer Association Concussion Policy](#), the head coach and assistant coaches for each team are required to complete annual concussion recognition education.

If an incident during a game results in a player showing signs and symptoms of a concussion and the player is taken out of the game, the referee must follow up post game to ensure that the referee has the player's name and jersey number. The referee must document in the game report of After Games in [GameOfficials.net](#) **“that (\_\_\_Player Name\_\_\_) and (\_\_\_number\_\_\_) was removed from the game in the (\_\_\_X minute\_\_\_) due to a suspected head injury and did not return to play.”** The player pass must be handed to the head coach as a reminder that required concussion protocol must be followed.

Referees do not need to retain the pass. The coach(es) and clubs are responsible for ensuring concussion protocol is followed. A club athletic trainer or club medical personnel may retain the player pass and submit to the club office.

**CSA DOES NOT NEED THE PASS DURING LEAGUE COMPETITION.**

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