



## ROWAN'S LAW

### DESIGNATED PERSONS PROTOCOLS

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**Application:** All RYBL Teams

**Implementation Date:** 2022 Season

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#### BACKGROUND

- Royal York Baseball Leagues Inc. ("RYBL") is to designate certain persons responsible under Rowan's Law for the decision to REMOVE a participant who has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion from further training, practice, or competition, and to establish protocols for same.
- RYBL is also required to designate certain persons responsible under Rowan's Law for the decision to allow a participant who has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion, to RETURN TO PLAY in further training, practice, or competition, and to establish protocols for same.
- This document addresses both requirements, which are set out below.

#### RYBL CONCUSSION DELEGATE / DESIGNATED PERSONS PROTOCOLS

##### Effective Date

These protocols are effective January 1, 2022.



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### **Policy Update - Designated Persons re Concussion Identification & Removal**

RYBL hereby designates all rostered Coaches and Trainers for all RYBL Rep and Select Teams, and all appointed Coaches or Volunteers for all RYBL House League Teams, to be designated persons for purposes of identifying participant concussions or the likelihood of a participant concussion.

This means:

- **Application to Coaches, Trainers, Volunteers** – Each and every RYBL Rep and Select Rostered Coach and Trainer and each and every RYBL House League appointed Coach or Volunteer, in attendance at any RYBL training, practice or competitive (e.g., game) activity **has the unilateral obligation and authority to decide that a participant is to be immediately removed** from further training, practice, or game if the participant has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion.

NOTE: **This is not a “majority rules” situation!** If any RYBL Rep and Select Rostered Coach or Trainer or any RYBL House League appointed Coach or Volunteer (the “Designated Person”), in attendance at any RYBL training, practice or competitive (e.g., game), takes that view that any participant has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion, that participant must be removed, and the Designated Person has the authority to order the removal.

- **Application to Visiting Teams from Other Organizations** - The obligation and authority to remove a participant that has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion **INCLUDES participants on visiting teams from OTHER organizations**, since the Rowan’s Law puts that obligation on the HOME TEAM who is required to have designated persons in attendance at same.
- **Steps to be Taken on Identification & Removal** – Once a participant has been identified by a Designated Person as being required to be removed further training, practice or competition, the following additional steps must take place, and the responsibility for doing so falls jointly and severally on the Designated Person(s) ordering the removal, and the Coaches of the participant’s team, and the Head Coach of any RYBL Rep or Select Team hosting a competitive game:
  1. The player must be immediately removed from the training, practice and/or competition;
  2. 911 must be called if the situation appears to be an emergency with respect to the participant’s medical condition, or otherwise;
  3. The parent or guardian of the participant must be notified;
  4. All steps required by OBA policy for removal must be followed;
  5. An incident report must be submit using the RYBL Incident Report link below, within 24 hours; and
  6. A short email must be sent to [VP\\_Mgmt\\_Ops@rybl.com](mailto:VP_Mgmt_Ops@rybl.com) and [VP\\_Rep@rybl.com](mailto:VP_Rep@rybl.com) confirming the submission of the Incident Report, and otherwise notifying them of the Incident (redundant reporting).

- **Effect of Non-Compliance** – Any refusal by any team (home team, visiting team, or visiting team from another organization) to allow the removal of a participant that has been identified by a Designated Person and ordered removed from a training, practice or competitive (e.g., game) activity, to remove such participant, or upon any attempt by any team to re-enter such participant, shall result in an immediate suspension and cancellation of the scheduled training, practice or game, and the requirement that all teams vacate the RYBL permitted field immediately.

### Policy Update - Designated Persons re Return to Play

When the Head Coach (or acting Head Coach) of any RYBL Rep or Select Team or any House League Coach (hereafter, collectively, the “Coach”) has a rostered player (Rep or Select) or assigned player (House League) that has been removed from any RYBL training, practice or competition, or has a rostered player or assigned player that has sustained a concussion or is suspected of having sustained a concussion in any other non-RYBL activities, that Coach may not permit the participant to return to RYBL training, practice or competition unless the following activities take place:

1. The Coach must follow all steps in the OBA policy for return to play (see below);
2. The Coach must obtain from the participant or the participant’s parents or guardian clear and unqualified written advice from a qualified medical practitioner for purposes of the applicable Rowan’s Law legislations and regulations, that either (1) the participant has been diagnosed as having not sustained a concussion and is otherwise cleared to resume training practice and competition, OR that (2) the participant has been diagnosed as having sustained a concussion but has been subsequently cleared to resume training practice and competition (“Medical Clearance”).
3. The Coach must forward a copy of the Medical Clearance to the VP Rep and Select ([VP\\_Rep@rybl.com](mailto:VP_Rep@rybl.com)) for concurrence re return to play, and must NOT allow any return to play without written confirmation of same from the VP Rep and Select.
4. Upon written confirmation (expected form shall be by email) from the VP Rep and Select that the said participant is cleared to return to RYBL training, practice or competition, the RYBL Coach may admit the said participant is cleared to return to RYBL training, practice or competition.

For these purposes, the only designated person for RYBL decisions on return to play under Rowan’s Law shall be the RYBL VP Rep and Select.

### Final Notes & Reminders

RYBL takes concussion matters seriously and, as an organization, expects all coaches to know and follows all OBA policies regarding Rowan’s Law and concussion safety.



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Each RYBL Head Coach should ensure all coaching and training staff have reviewed all OBA and government resources around concussion safety and understand their responsibilities ([link below](#)).



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## Links and Resources

OBA link to policy and concussion awareness materials:

<https://ondeck.baseballontario.com/page/2214/concussion-management>

RYBL Incident Report:

<https://rybl.com/contact-us/incident-report/>

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## Questions?

Please refer all questions to [President@rybl.com](mailto:President@rybl.com).