***Rowan’s Law*: Concussion Awareness Resources**

[Review the Concussion Awareness Resources](https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-awareness-resources) (if you are an athlete, parent, coach, team trainer or official).

**Requirements for Sport Organizations**

Ontario is a national leader in concussion management and prevention. *Rowan’s Law (Concussion Safety), 2018* makes it **mandatory for sports organizations** to:

1. ensure that athletes under 26 years of age,\* parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers and officials confirm every year that they have reviewed Ontario’s Concussion Awareness Resources
2. establish a Concussion Code of Conduct that sets out rules of behaviour to support concussion prevention
3. establish a Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocol

\* Special Rule: A sport organization that is a university, college of applied arts and technology or other post-secondary institution must not register any athlete regardless of age unless the same requirements are met.

The new rules requiring the review of Concussion Awareness Resources and Concussion Codes of Conduct came into effect on July 1, 2019.

The rules for removal-from-sport and return-to-sport protocols are expected to be in place by July 1, 2020.

**If you are involved in more than one sport**

No matter how many sport organizations you register with in a given year, you are only required to review a Concussion Awareness Resource **once** within that year. You are however required to confirm your review of a Concussion Awareness Resource with each sport organization with which you register.

You are also required to both review and confirm your review of the Concussion Code of Conduct for each sport organization with which you register.

Additional rules will come into effect on July 1, 2020 that require sport organizations to put into place Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols, to improve concussion safety. You may wish to follow-up with your sport organization about their plans for implementing their protocols.