

PRESS RELEASE

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Little League® Canada Enforces Concussion Protocol

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- On April 5, 2018, Little League Canada is proud to announce that they will be enforcing a concussion protocol requiring players to be assessed for a possible concussion. When warranted if any of the symptoms are observed or self-reported by the player, then the player must be removed from play for further assessment and treatment if required. This protocol will be released within the next few weeks.

Concussions are a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. It is a great concern in amateur sport as safety is our priority. Our players, parents, coaches, administrators, and umpires will work together to protect players from concussions with this protocol in place.

"While Little League Baseball and Softball has a significantly lower risk of concussion compared to other sports, concussions do occur despite the best protective equipment. We need to ensure that concussions and suspected concussions are recognized and dealt with appropriately," says Roy Bergerman, President of Little League® Baseball Canada.

For more information on concussions, visit www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP.

About Little League® Baseball Canada: Little League® Baseball Canada is a non-profit organization powered solely by volunteers. It offers programs for children from 4- to 16-years of age, including those with physical or cognitive challenges, in baseball, softball, and the Challenger® divisions.

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