

INTRODUCING **THE BLUE CARD**



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WHAT IS THE BLUE CARD?

Enhancing player safety and game welfare is a primary concern and responsibility of Rugby Canada and the provincial unions. Consequently, all matches played under the jurisdiction of Rugby Canada and the provincial unions must comply with Rugby Canada Concussion Guidelines (recognize and remove). To assist in player safety and game welfare, Rugby Canada is rolling out the introduction of the Blue Card in Ontario.

The Blue Card is a process initiated by a coach, player or match official and delivered on field by the Match Official to identify a player who has been removed from the field of play due to a suspected concussion in accordance with Law 3.22 or Law 3.24.

The Match Official or designate will submit a Blue Card Report in an automated online platform (Rugby Canada will be using SportLomo) which will trigger a process to ensure the correct return to play protocols are followed.

IMPORTANT

In accordance with World Rugby and Rugby Canada direction, there is no sideline Head Injury Assessment (HIA) process at any level of Club rugby.

Concussion symptoms might not appear for 24-48 hours. Coaches, players, and family must remain aware for any of the signs and symptoms.

The Blue Card is being piloted in Ontario only at this time.

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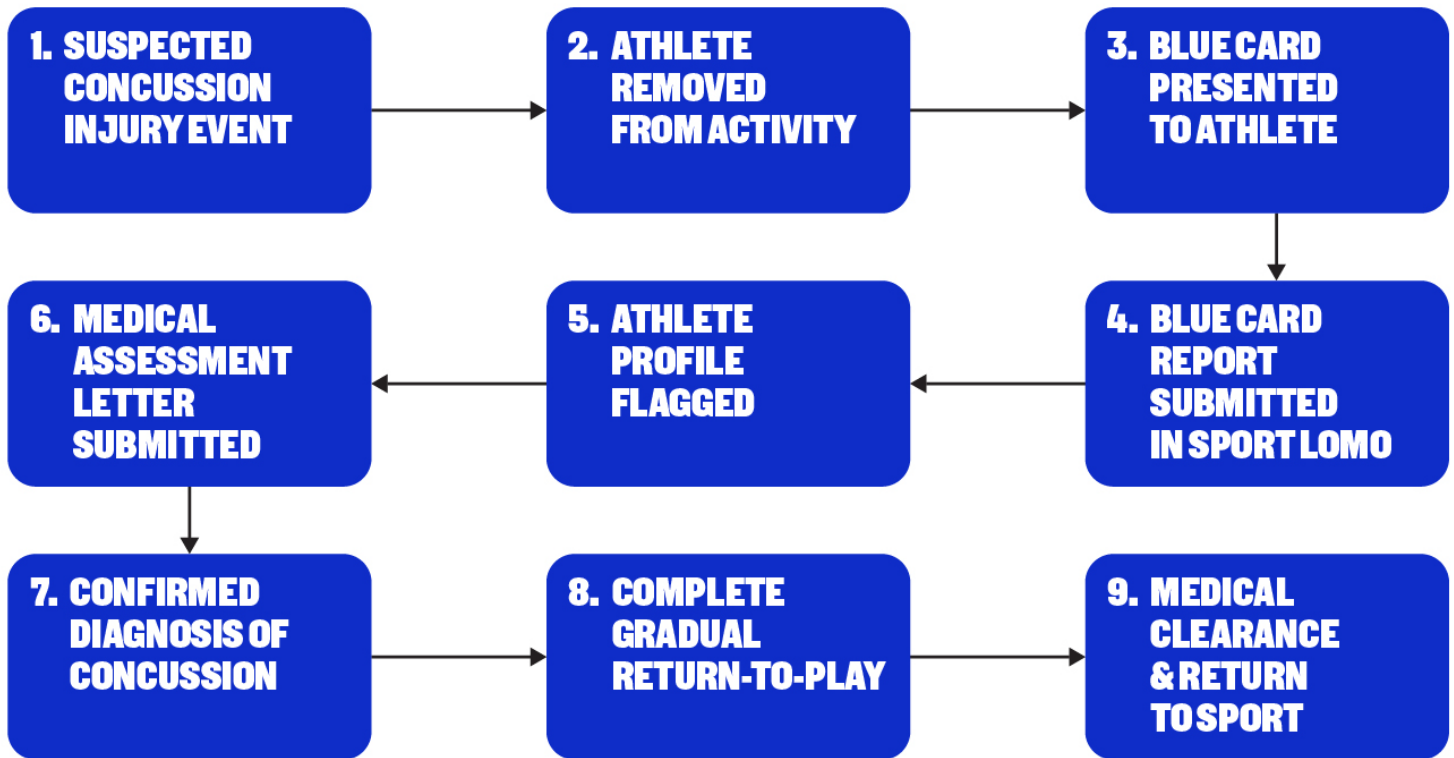
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RESOURCES

[Introduction to the Blue Card – E-Learning](#)

[Introduction au carton bleu – apprentissage électronique](#)

[Blue Card – Rugby Ontario](#)

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