A Possible Concussion Cannot Be Kept Secret to Protect Playing Time - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

Remove an athlete from participation when concussion is suspected, check for danger signs and obtain appropriate medical care. Keep them out that day and until cleared by a healthcare provider; the coach does not decide injury severity.

Hypothetical example: A coach removes an athlete after a possible concussion and follows the medical and guardian-notification route. No symptoms or identifiers are entered on the shared planning sheet.

01 Let the report change the activity

Remove the athlete from participation when concussion is suspected.

Immediate activity action

Emergency protocol location

Responsible adult

02 Use the emergency and medical route

Use current danger-sign guidance and emergency or medical procedures promptly.

Qualified medical route

Notification owner

Private incident record stored where

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03 Do not negotiate a same-day return

Keep same-day participation excluded and return decisions with healthcare providers.

Same-day participation boundary

Healthcare clearance route

Program policy checked

04 Keep the record appropriate

Complete the actual responsible-adult handoff through restricted program records.

Handoff actually received by responsible role

Next duty owner

Unfinished communication step