Return to Play:

Sport Specific Recommendations

Wrestling



Return to Play- Wrestling			
Stage	Activity	Wrestling Specific Exercise	Objective of the stage
I	Limited physical activity that does not exacerbate symptoms for at least 2 days	 Untimed walking okay No activities requiring exertion (weightlifting, jogging, P.E. classes) 	Recovery and elimination of symptoms
II-A	Light aerobic activity Must be performed under direct supervision by designated individual	 10-15 min walking on treadmill or in quiet area 10-15 minutes of stationary bike 	 Increase heart rate to no more than 50% of perceived maximum (max) exertion (e.g.,< 100 beats per min) Monitor for symptom return
II-B	Moderate aerobic activity (Light resistance training)	 20-30 minutes jogging Resistance training- body weight squats and push-ups – 1 set of 10 reps each 	 Increase heart rate to 50-75% max exertion (e.g.,100-150 bpm) Monitor for symptom return
II-C	Strenuous aerobic activity (moderate resistance training)	 30-45 minutes running or stationary biking Weightlifting <50% max weight 	 Increase heart rate to 75% max exertion Monitor for symptom rtn
II-D	Minimal contact wrestling drills	 Shooting single/double leg, hand fighting, sit-outs from a referee's position, stand- up escapes from a referee's position, leg riding 	Maximize aerobic activity Accelerate to full speed with change of directions (cuts) Introduce rotational head movements
		All drills done at half speed	Monitor for symptom return
Prior to beginning Stage III, please make sure that written physician (MD/DO) clearance for return to play, after successful completion of Stages I and II, has been given to your school's concussion monitor and/or coach			
III- A	Limited contact wrestling drills	Full speed take downs, break downs, outside carry, full speed shots, pinning combinations	Maximize aerobic activity Add deceleration/ rotational forces in controlled setting Monitor for symptom return
III-B	Full practice (after medical clearance)	Live wrestling	Reassess for symptoms every 30 minutes throughout the practice Monitor for symptoms
MANDATORY: You must complete at least ONE contact practice before return to competition, or if non-contact sport, ONE unrestricted practice			
IV	Return to play (competition)	Normal match play	Return to full sport activity without restriction

