



Pueblo Academy of Arts

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pueblo Academy of Arts is currently implementing an innovative program for our student-athletes. This program will assist our team physicians/athletic trainers in evaluating and treating head injuries (e.g., concussion). In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, we have acquired two software tools to help improve our ability to diagnose and manage sports concussions. These two new tools are called the King-Devick system and the ImpACT system (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). The King-Devick system may be used, along with other clinical indicators, on the sideline or courtside to help in the detection of a possible concussion. If an athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition, ImpACT is a computerized exam to help determine the severity of head injury and when the athlete in question has returned to baseline or normative neurocognitive functioning. The King-Devick and ImpACT systems have been utilized in many professional, collegiate, high school and middle school sports programs across the country and represent cutting-edge tools in the diagnosis and management of sports concussions.

The King-Devick system uses a series of three cards containing a series of numbers which are read by the student athlete twice, and the fastest time of the two attempts recorded in the preseason is used as the baseline time. If a sports concussion is suspected, the King-Devick system may be used on the sideline or courtside to determine the time that the athlete takes to read the series of three cards, and this time is compared to his or her baseline. Any significant slowing or increase in errors on this test compared to the baseline may suggest a concussive injury.

The ImpACT test is given to athletes in the preseason before beginning competition. This non-invasive test is set up in “video-game” type format and takes about 25-35 minutes to complete. It is simple, and actually many athletes enjoy the challenge of taking the test. Essentially, the ImpACT test is a preseason physical of the brain. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration. It, however, is not an IQ test.

If a concussion is suspected, the athlete will be removed from play, and will be entered into the concussion management protocol, and he or she will be required to re-take the ImpACT test as one of the criteria before the return-to-play can occur. Both the preseason and post-injury ImpACT data is given to Rocky Khosla, M.D., our concussion consultant to help him better evaluate the injury. The information gathered can also be shared with your family doctor. The test data will enable these health professionals to determine when return-to-play is appropriate and safe for the injured athlete.

I wish to stress that both the King-Devick and the ImpACT testing procedures are non-invasive, and they pose no risks to your student-athlete. We are excited to implement this program given that it provides us the best available information for managing concussions and preventing potential brain damage that can occur with multiple concussions. By signing below, you are also giving us permission to share information amongst members of the concussion management team in order to ensure the safety of the student athlete and to allow us to perform statistical analysis to help guide us in the development of safer concussion management protocols. Pueblo Academy of Arts administration, coaching, and athletic training staffs are striving to keep your child’s health and safety at the forefront of the student athletic experience. Please return the attached page with the appropriate signatures. If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me at your phone number.

If you do not wish to have your child undergo this baseline testing, we will respect your wishes, but be aware that we may not be able to manage your child’s concussion with as much accuracy as if we had the baseline testing information.

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Consent Form

For use of the King-Devick system and the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)

I have read the attached information. I understand its contents. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in the King-Devick and ImPACT testing.

Printed Name of Athlete _____

Signature of Athlete _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

I do not wish my child to undergo King-Devick/ ImPACT baseline testing at this time.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

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