



Memorandum

Date: 12/21/2012

To: HDCO Member Associations: Executive Directors and Development Personnel

Cc: W. Dillon, HDCO Trainers Committee and Board of Directors

From: John Mayne, HDCO/HTCP Chair

RE: Return to Play Process Change

Please be advised that Hockey Canada, in consultation with the Hockey Canada Chief Medical Officer, and the HDCO Hockey Trainers Certification Program committee, has approved the following amendment to the recommended Return to Play process as taught within the Hockey Canada Safety Program and Hockey Trainers Certification Program :

With respect to players returning to play, muscular and skeletal injuries (excluding fractures) can be signed off by physicians, chiropractors, physiotherapists, or nurse practitioners. Fractures as well as all neurological injuries including spinal injuries and concussions must be signed off by a physician. (Note this does not pertain to the Hockey Canada Injury report Form related to the insurance program. This will still need to be completed by a physician or a dentist if a dental injury).

The change is effective immediately and has been incorporated into the applicable HTCP e-Learning course module. For in-class clinics, course instructors can include as teaching point within the HTCP program.

Please ensure that all respective personnel are apprised of the above information.

If you have any questions, please contact the HDCO office at your earliest convenience.