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BOSTON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES  
RETURN TO PLAY POLICY

In accordance with the most current NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook, the “diagnosis, management, and return to play determinations for the college student-athlete are the responsibility of the institution’s athletic trainer (working under the supervision of a physician) and the team physician... In the interest of the health and welfare of collegiate student-athletes, a student-athlete’s health care providers must have clear authority for student-athlete care.” Therefore, all return-to-play decisions regarding an injury and/or illness of a Boston University student-athlete are under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Training Services staff in consultation with Boston University medical director and/or team physicians. Return-to-play is ultimately the decision of the Athletic Training staff, BU medical director, and/or BU team physician without regard to any BU Athletic Department, PERD staff member or outside medical providers.

NCAA. (2014). *2014-15 NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook*. Pg 128. Retrieved at: <http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/MD15.pdf>

*This policy is intended to guide patient care. Medical conditions and specific medical situations are often complex and require health care providers to make independent judgments. These policies may be modified by practitioners to achieve maximal patient outcomes.*