Gradual Return to Play Protocol Wrestling

Step 1	Cognitive Pacing – Monitor Symptoms.
	Cognitive activities that increase symptoms should be avaided
Step 2	Academic Pacing – Return to Learn
	Notify School about concussion
	Academic Adjustments in the classroom maybe needed
Step 3	ONLY IF
	1) Concussed individual is symptom free for 24-48 hours
	2) Concussed individual in in school full time and not
	receiving any classroom adjustments
	3) Written medical Clearance from Medical professional
	obtained
	THEN CONCUSSED INDIVIDUAL MAY
	Begin light aerobic exercise such as stationary bike for 10-20 min
	or 2-3 ten minutes jog with a ten to fifteen minute rest period
	between runs
Step 4	Moderate Activity – such as fast pace running and/or longer
	running such as 15 - 20 minute run. May also include team warm
	up and shuffles No wrestling activities
Step 5	Sport Specific and Non-contact drills – May start to do solo
	sprawls and solo rolling on mat
Step 6	Full contact practice. No limitation
Step 7	Play in Game

- Before beginning physical activity in the return to play protocol, the concussed individual must first be back to school full time without any academic adjustments and be symptom free.
- Before the concussed individual can proceed to the next step of the protocol, he or she must be symptom free and each step must be separated by a full 24 hours.

