

Concussion in Sport Symposium 2024 – DRAFT Agenda

January 31, 2024 - Virtual on Zoom

*All times are displayed in Eastern Standard Time (EST) and are subject to change.

SESSION 1

10AM – 12:30 PM EST

- 9:45 AM Connect early for key housekeeping details (*optional*)
- 10:00 **Opening**
- 10:05 **Welcome remarks**
- Debra Gassewitz, Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC)
- 10:15 Internationalizing the approach to concussion management in para athletes: the current landscape and future trajectories
- Osman Ahmed, Ph.D., International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Football
- 10:45 The Hard-Hitting Truth: lessons learned from Jen Kish’s concussions & the importance of awareness
- Jen Kish, Retired Canada Rugby Sevens Captain
- 11:10 Remarks from the Minister
- Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Physical Activity of Canada
- 11:25 Canadian Leadership: A sneak peek into innovative concussion research in Canada
- Dr. Roger Zemek, MD, University of Ottawa and the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)
- 11:30 Concussion Reporting: The roles of coaches, players, and trainers
- Alison Doherty, Ph.D., Western University
 - Brandy Tannenbaum, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- 11:45 Concussion prevention in youth ice hockey: Highlighting collaborations between researchers and community partners
- Paul Eliason, Ph.D., University of Calgary
 - Jamie Henry, Hockey Calgary
 - Connie Klassen, Hockey Canada
- 12:05PM Concussion and Mental Health in youth athletes: The Role of stress and mindfulness in concussion recovery
- Andree-Anne Ledoux, Ph.D., Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Research Institute
- 12:15PM CAPT: Innovative Concussion platform focusing on the “Circle of Care” for our athletes
- Terry Kell, Agile Intelligence Solutions
- 12:30 **Wrap up and break for lunch**
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SESSION 2

Wednesday, January 31
2 – 4:30 PM EST

1:45PM Connect early for key housekeeping details (*optional*)

2:00 **Welcome and session 1 highlights**

- Kim Gurtler, Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC)
- Brynna Kerr, University of Toronto and SIRC

2:05 Beyond the Ice: Experience of a former pro hockey player and learnings to improve concussion care for children and youth

- Scott Ramsay, Ph.D., BC Children's Hospital and University of British Columbia

2:35 The new Consensus statement on concussions in sport: What it means for sport leaders in Canada?

- Kathryn Schneider, Ph.D., University of Calgary
- Stephanie Cowle, Parachute Canada

2:55 Sport Concussion Education Tools: What they are, who they're for, and where to find them?

- Adam Solitt, Coaching Association of Canada (CAC)
- Alex Lithopoulos, Ph.D., The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute
- Jennifer Dawson, Ph.D., Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Research Institute
- Dr. Pierre Fremont, Ph.D., Université Laval
- Dr. Shawn Marshall, University of Ottawa
- Shelina Babul, Ph.D., University of British Columbia

3:45 **Sport utilizing research** – Available in breakout rooms (Participants have the option to choose a room, and all rooms will be "recorded" and accessible for future viewing)

Breakout Room #1 - Research partnerships

Ringette Canada - Partnering for player safety: Collaborative research with Ringette Canada for concussion prevention

- Emily Heming, University of Calgary
- Connie Klassen, Hockey Canada & Ringette Canada
- Julia Paulgaard, Ringette Calgary

Special Olympics - Improving concussion safety in Special Olympics Canada: A research partnership

- Nick Reed, Ph.D., University of Toronto
- Victoria Formusa, Special Olympics Canada

Breakout Room #2 - Concussion management and tools

Parents – What Parents need to know: Managing the athletes Concussion Journey

- Jennifer Dawson, Ph.D., Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Research Institute
- Alexa Gurtler

Parents – Navigating uncertainty: Parents' experiences with concussion management and neuropsychological baseline testing

- Fergal O'Hagan, Ph.D., Trent University
- Michael Jorgensen, Ph.D. (C), University of Toronto

Breakout Room #3 - Latest research and what it means for concussion management and return to sport

Boccia Athletes – Development of concussion tests for para-athletes with cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy

- Francois Prince, Ph.D., University of Montreal
- Francine Pilon, Ph.D., University of Montreal

Youth athletes – Return to play with R2Play: A dynamic multidomain simulated sport assessment tool for youth with concussion

- Josh Shore, University of Toronto
- Danielle DuPlessis, MA, PLY., York University

Visually impaired athletes – Exploring Concussion Sustainment, Identification, Management, and Recovery in Canadian Athletes who are Blind or Visually Impaired

- Anna Guenther, University of Waterloo

Cheerleading – The effect of balance control on dynamic visual acuity for female varsity cheerleaders with and without previous history of concussion

- Katelyn Mitchell, Ph.D., Wilfrid Laurier University

4:25

Closing

- Debra Gassewitz, SIRC