



## **Gloucester Rangers Minor Hockey Association enhances player safety with the onboarding of a new online tool for concussion management**

**Ottawa, September 25, 2023** – The Gloucester Rangers Minor Hockey Association is taking a leadership role in player health by adopting [CAPT](#), a new digital platform that assists with the identification and risk associated with concussions in sport.

Concussions are a serious public health issue across all sport in Canada. Early recognition, proper medical assessment, and appropriate management can make a significant difference in recovery. By adopting CAPT, a concussion management platform built by Ottawa-based company Agile Intelligent Solutions ([AgileIS](#)), the Gloucester Rangers are providing an innovative resource to help increase player safety.

"This is an important step in providing our volunteers and bench staff with the tools they need when responding to a concussion incident," explains Kevin Carroll, President of the Gloucester Rangers Minor Hockey Association. "All of our teams (U9 to U18) will have access to the CAPT platform and will follow the concussion safety and return to play protocols."

Concussions happen fast and without warning and can cause short and long term effects including headaches and problems with concentration, balance and memory. With the new CAPT system, when an incident occurs the information is immediately uploaded and recorded in the platform. From there, the parents/player, coach and other team officials will follow a comprehensive step-by-step process from evaluation and removal of activities to recovery and return to play.

"Concussions affect 1 in 10 youth athletes every year," said Terry Kell, CEO of CAPT. "Our platform provides a more proactive approach to concussion management, ensuring every point of contact within an organization reacts correctly and in real-time when an incident occurs. If medical attention is required, parents and the player have access to the incident report with detailed information about the injury. Our hope is that this enhanced communication and action plan will help improve health outcomes for young athletes."

### **About the Gloucester Minor Hockey Association**

The Gloucester Rangers Minor Hockey Association oversees the competitive AA/A and U9 Tier 1 hockey programs within the Gloucester Hockey Association (GHA). The Rangers field teams from U9 Tier 1 (7-8 year olds) to U18 AA (16-17 year olds) and play within the HEO Minor AA/A Hockey League. The Rangers focus on a development first philosophy for both players and coaches. For more information about the Gloucester Rangers, please visit [gloucesterrangers.com](http://gloucesterrangers.com).

### **About AgileIS and CAPT**

AgileIS specializes in the development and deployment of applications that provide digital access to healthcare-related services. CAPT is a digital concussion platform that streamlines your concussion education, removal and return protocols. CAPT provides first-class care for students and athletes while mitigating risk across your organization. For more information about CAPT, please visit [captcares.com](http://captcares.com).

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