The Brown University sports medicine department utilizes the ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) concussion management program for intercollegiate athletes. The program involves an online, computerized baseline test that you take prior to your first athletic season. Additional information can be found at www.impacttest.com. Your participation in this program is **mandatory**. You take the online baseline test at: www.impacttestonline.com/colleges. The baseline test is only taken once while at Brown. To ensure a valid test, please follow these instructions. It is very important that you are able to fully concentrate during the entire test. Poor performance will result in an invalid test and will require a re-take!

- Set aside 30 minutes in a quiet room with no distractions where you can take the test alone.
- No headphones or cell phone use during the test.
- Turn off TV, radio or anything else that can produce background noise.
- Tell friends, siblings and family members about the importance of the test, to avoid interruptions or distractions.
- There are several test sections called “modules.” These include word memory, design memory, Xs and Os, symbol match, color word match and three letters.
- Read each section’s instructions carefully. ImPACT is a test that measures speed and accuracy. It is very important to answer the questions quickly and accurately as possible.
- It is common to perform the color word match module incorrectly, please read that section’s instructions thoroughly.
- Other than the initial demographic section, do not ask anyone to help you with your performance during the test, such as assistance with memory questions, etc. Do not write anything down during the test to aid memory.
- You must use a standard external mouse. You may not use a finger mouse pad (ie: laptop mouse), a Track Mouse, or anything other than a standard mouse. Also, don't run the laptop from the battery, use the A/C connection.

**Guidelines for running the online test smoothly from your computer:**
1. Make sure you are using Internet Explorer 6.0 and above, or Firefox 1.5 or above, and Safari for the MAC running OSX 10.2 and above.
2. You must have Macromedia FLASH PLAYER 8.0 or newer installed. You can download FLASH PLAYER at www.adobe.com.
3. If you have a pop up blocker installed you must turn it off for the duration of the test.
4. Close all other programs on your computer before taking the test.
5. You will need a broadband internet connection.

- To take the baseline test, go to: www.impacttestonline.com/colleges
- Enter Customer Code 67E935640E and click “Validate”
- Click “Launch Baseline Test”