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RE: Michigan Public Acts 342 & 343 of 2012- Youth Athletic Concussions

Dear MSYSA League Officials,

As previously communicated, the State of Michigan recently passed new legislation regarding youth athletes and concussions. Michigan Public Acts 342 and 343 require organizing entities to comply with three components of the newly enacted concussion legislation.

- 1) All youth participants (and guardians) **MUST** sign an acknowledgement form agreeing that they have received concussion information pursuant to Section 9155. This player/parent acknowledgement form is included in this communication and also lists relevant concussion information. This form will only need to be filled out **ONCE** and kept on file for the duration of the athlete's participation in the organization or until the youth athlete is 18 years of age.
- 2) All coaches, employees, volunteers, and other adults involved with a youth athletic activity **MUST** complete a concussion awareness online training program. This only needs to be completed once by each adult member. For convenience, the "Heads-Up Concussion Training" will be integrated into individual GotSoccer accounts when a new background check is submitted. **Every adult member is responsible for his/her compliance with the online training.** The Heads-Up Concussion Training can be found on the MSYSA website or at: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training>
- 3) If a player is diagnosed with a concussion or is experiencing concussion like symptoms, the "Medical Clearance to Return to Play" form must be filled out by a medical professional **BEFORE** returning to soccer. This form is also included in this communication. Once a concussion is suspected, the player must be removed immediately and kept out of all further games, practices, trainings etc.

All MSYSA leagues/clubs must be in compliance with this new legislation by June 30, 2013. This gives members an ideal opportunity to get the required forms filled out at 2013/2014 tryouts (no earlier than June 15th) or at fall registration. MSYSA leagues may choose to administer the new concussion procedures themselves or require their member clubs to collect and keep the documentation.

MSYSA has posted many helpful resources regarding concussions and youth participation on MSYSA's website. From the homepage (www.michiganyouthsoccer.org) navigate to the Membership Services tab and click on the Concussion Information & Protection tab. Feel free to use any of this literature for your own organization. The required forms and link to the concussion training can also be found on this page.

If you should have any questions regarding the new Michigan Legislation and or concussion information, please contact Joel Dragan at the MSYSA State Office.

Sincerely,

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