

## **CARDIAC ARREST LEGISLATION**

To protect youth athletes, the State of Ohio has passed a cardiac arrest awareness law, known as “Lindsay’s Law”. This law, similar to laws enacted in other states, enforces training, safety and awareness requirements related to cardiac arrest on youth sports organizations.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF “LINDSAY’S LAW”**

Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.58 prohibits youth athletes from participating in an athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization until the youth athlete has submitted to a designated official of the youth sports organization a form signed by the youth athlete and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the youth athlete stating that the youth athlete and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the youth athlete have received and reviewed a copy of the information developed by the departments of health and education and posted on their respective internet web sites as required by Section 3707.59 of the Ohio Revised Code. A completed form is required to be submitted each year for each athletic activity in which the youth athlete participates. The required form is attached to this document.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.58 prohibits individuals from coaching an athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization until the individual has completed, on an annual basis, the sudden cardiac arrest training course approved by the department of health under division (C) of Section 3707.59 of the Ohio Revised Code.

### **FREE ONLINE COURSES**

In an effort to assist in complying with Ohio’s Lindsay’s Law, the Ohio Travel Soccer League recommends that all members of the league encourage their coaches to use the Ohio Department of Health’s free online training course.

To participate in this free online course please visit the following website:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx>

## **OHIO TRAVEL SOCCER LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS**

The Ohio Travel Soccer League requires compliance with Lindsay's Law. To monitor compliance, we require that each member with teams participating in the Ohio Travel Soccer League provide the following prior to the beginning of each season:

1. A signed copy of the attached form 1, executed by a member representative, attesting that each coach that will be on the sidelines at any Ohio Travel Soccer League game has reviewed the training materials provided by the Ohio Department of Health related to cardiac arrest;
2. A signed copy of the attached form 2, executed by the member representative, who also serves as the designated Ohio Travel Soccer League Official, stating that they possess a signed copy of the attached cardiac arrest form signed by each individual and their parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the youth athlete that plans to play in any Ohio Travel Soccer League game.