

CONCUSSION LEGISLATION

To protect youth athletes, the State of Ohio has passed a concussion law, known as the “Return to Play” law. This law, similar to laws enacted in other states, enforces training, safety and awareness requirements related to head injuries on youth sports organizations.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE “RETURN TO PLAY” LAW

Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.511 requires that each youth sport organization provide the concussion and head information sheet, as stated in Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.52, to each parent, guardian or other person having care or charge of an individual participating in the athletic activity. The required information sheet is attached to this document.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.511 also requires that all youth sport organizations inform all coaches and potential coaches of the following information:

No individual shall act as a coach or referee for a youth sports organization unless the individual holds a pupil-activity program permit issued under Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.303 for coaching interscholastic athletics or presents evidence that the individual has successfully completed, within the previous three years, a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries to which the department of health has provided a link on its internet web site under Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.52.

FREE ONLINE COURSES

In an effort to assist in complying with the Return to Play law, the Ohio Travel Cup recommends that all teams entering into the Ohio Travel Cup encourage their coaches to use the National Federation of State High School Associations’ (NFHS) free online training course. The website allows teams to track their coaches’ progress and allows coaches to log in and print their certification.

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

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61064/concussion-in-sports>

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OHIO TRAVEL CUP REQUIREMENTS

The Ohio Travel Cup requires compliance with the Return to Play law. To monitor compliance, we require that each team entering into the Ohio Travel Cup provide the following at the time of team check in:

1. Copies of valid concussion certifications for **all** coaches who will be on the sidelines for tournament games; **OR** in the alternative, a signed copy of the attached form 1, executed by the head coach/manager of each team, attesting that they possess an up to date copy of a valid concussion certificate for each coach that will be on the sidelines at any Ohio Travel Cup game.

In the event that this requirement is not fulfilled by a tournament team at the time of check in, the Ohio Travel Cup has the right to remove that team from Ohio Travel Cup. No refunds will be provided for a team that fails to comply with the requirements as stated above.

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CONCUSSION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FORM 1

I, _____, (head coach/manager name) attest to the fact that **any and all** coaches who will be on the sidelines for Ohio Travel Cup games have completed the necessary online course requirements and testing. I possess a copy of each coach's valid concussion certificate.

Community Name: _____

Team Name: _____

SIGNATURE

TITLE

____/____/____
DATE SIGNED