

OHIO TRAVEL CUP RETURN TO PLAY/CONCUSSION WAIVER

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 Ohio Department of Health Concussion 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.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.511 also requires individuals who wish to coach or referee in a youth sports organization to successfully complete, every three years, a free online training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries provided by the Ohio Department of Health if they do not hold a Pupil Activity Permit. Coaches who already have a current PAP will be required to present evidence that they have successfully completed a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries that is linked on the Department of Health's web site or a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events in order to renew their permit.

Ohio Revised Code Sections 3313.539 or ORC 3314.03 require that Ohio youth athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion, **MUST** be removed from practice or play. Ohio laws prohibit a child to return to play (practice or competition) on the same day that he/she is removed on suspicion of having sustained a concussion. He/she may return the following day if cleared **in writing** by a physician (MD or DO) or other authorized healthcare provider that they did not sustain a concussion.

OHIO TRAVEL CUP REQUIREMENTS

The Ohio Travel Cup requires compliance with the Return to Play law. To monitor compliance, we require that each team participating in the Ohio Travel Cup sign this waiver attesting to the following:

1. That each parent, guardian or other person having care or charge of an individual participating in the Ohio Travel Cup has received the Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet.
2. That each team/community participating in the Ohio Travel Cup has on file a valid concussion certificate for each coach that will be on the sidelines at any Ohio Travel Cup game.
3. That each coach acknowledges that athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion **MUST** be removed from practice or play; that they are prohibited from returning to play (game or practice) on the same day the athlete is removed on suspicion of having sustained and concussion **AND** that the athlete may return the following day if cleared **IN WRITING** by a physician (MD or DO) or other authorized healthcare provider that they did not sustain a concussion.

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I, _____, (head coach/manager name) attest to the fact that each of the above mentioned Return to Play/Concussion requirements have been met for the team listed below that is participating in in the Ohio Travel Cup.

COMMUNITY NAME: _____ TEAM NAME/AGE: _____

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE SIGNED