



TO: Principals
FROM: Vic Michaels, Director
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SUBJECT: Action under Public Acts 342 and 343 of 2012 (Concussion Law)

The above laws become effective June 30, 2013 and require schools and youth sports organizations to educate, train and collect forms for **non MHSAA** activities including physical education classes, intramural and out-of-season camps or clinics. You may wish to share this information with youth sports groups in your community, including all CYO programs.

It should be understood that for MHSAA sports the existing rules meeting completion requirement and concussion removal and return to play protocols, first begun in 2010, remain in effect. This includes that each school shall designate the person who shall evaluate suspected concussions. If a student is withheld from athletic activities due to a suspected concussion, he or she may not return at all on that day and only on a subsequent day with the written clearance of **an MD or DO**. This is more stringent than the new law and must be followed for MHSAA competition and practices. Not adhering to this protocol results in ineligibility of the student and forfeiture of contests.

Compliance with other aspects of the new concussion law is accomplished through a website of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) michigan.gov/sportsconcussion.

Below is a brief summary of what the new law requires youth sports organizations and schools do for **non-MHSAA sport activities** such as physical education, intramurals and out-of-season or summer camps and clinics:

1. Adult coaches (paid or volunteer) and teachers of Physical Education class, must complete the established free online training course. There are two options on the MDCH website, one through the Center for Disease Control - CDC and one through the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS.org). These courses are the only options to fulfill the adult training requirement. Schools should collect and file the certificate of completion for each adult.
2. Schools/Parishes must provide educational training materials to students and parents and collect and maintain their signed statement of receipt of that information for the duration of the student's involvement and until age 25, whichever is later. The chsl.com web site has "Information for Parents & Students." The website also links to an "Acknowledgement Form". This form can be used as the signed statement or schools/parishes may create their own form provided the content is similar or more stringent. Schools should include concussion information and signed statements with school registration and handbook materials; at first for all students and in subsequent years for new students.
3. Schools/Parishes must follow the same concussion protocols for **non-MHSAA** events as is currently done for MHSAA sports when a student is suspected of a concussion. Sit them out, find out and do not allow them to return to athletic activities, P. E. class, practice or competition until cleared in writing. The new law requires schools to maintain a copy of any written clearance until the student is 25 years of age.