

**AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AYFL)
COACHES RESPONSIBILITY FORM**

This form must be signed by ALL AYFL coaches.

By signing this form, -the Coach acknowledges receiving and reviewing the Concussion & Heat Related Illness Information Release Form approved by the AYFL.

The purpose of this form is to clearly define the responsibilities of ALL AYFL coaches.

To aid in the recognition of a possible concussion, it is the responsibility of the coach to perform the following:

- **Watch for a forceful blow to the head or body that results in rapid movement of the head.**
- **When a concussion is suspected, the coach should immediately remove the child from the physical activity. The coach or certified athletic trainer should check for the signs and symptoms of a concussion by performing a Focused Orientation Exam to test the short term and long term memory.**
 - **Short term recall can include the event, play, opponent, score or last meal.**
 - **Long term recall can include things such as name, birth date, place of birth.**
- **When in doubt, keep the athlete out.**

Any coach who suspects that a child within the program may have suffered a concussion MUST follow the procedures as provided for within the policy. THE POLICY PROVIDES THAT ANY PLAYER(S) BELIEVED TO HAVE A POSSIBLE CONCUSSION AT GAMES OR PRACTICES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRESS OR PARTICIPATE UNTIL MEDICAL CLEARANCE FROM A DOCTOR HAS BEEN RECEIVED, SPECIFICALLY STATING THE CHILD IS CLEARED TO RESUME TACKLE FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES.

A Coach must report all incidents of suspected concussions to his league representative, who is then responsible for reporting same to the Secretary of the AYFL. .

The League Representative must subsequently provide the Executive Secretary with a copy of the medical release form so that both the incident report and release become part of our official records of the AYFL. If not properly cleared, then the matter shall be referred to the RCC.

Any coach/club who knowingly plays a concussed player without clearance will be charged with playing an ineligible player and suspended a minimum of one game plus any other sanctions the AYFL deems appropriate.

Coach Name Printed

Coach's Signature

Date