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Subject: CLLL Concussion Policy

CLLL is committed to providing an environment conducive to the safety and well being of the athletes in the league. As the assessment and treatment of concussions and concussion-like symptoms has evolved, many states have enacted laws designed to educate people about concussions, and protect the health and safety of young athletes.

To be consistent with SB 652, which was signed into law on April 11, 2010 by Governor McDonnell, CLLL has developed the following policy regarding identification and handling of suspected concussions in CLLL athletes. This policy shall require:

1. In order to participate in CLLL sponsored activities, each parent and/or legal guardian shall review, on an annual basis, information on concussions provided by, but not limited to, CLLL.
2. An athlete suspected by that athlete's manager/coach or parent/guardian of sustaining a concussion or brain injury in a practice or game shall be removed from the activity at that time. An athlete who has been removed from play, evaluated, and suspected to have a concussion or brain injury shall not return to play that same day nor until (i) evaluated by an appropriate licensed health care provider, (ii) in receipt of written clearance to return to play from such licensed health care provider and (iii) written consent from their parent/guardian.

All managers/coaches are strongly recommended to take the CDC offered Heads Up Online Training Course. Endorsed by Little League International, this course is free of charge and available at [http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html). In addition, there is a resource center available for further information and materials to aide coaches in dealing with possible concussions.

CLLL cares about our athletes and encourages all managers/coaches to remain vigilant to the signs of concussions and the precautions necessary to avoid serious injury.