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CONCUSSION PROGRAM & US SOCCER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES REQUIREMENTS

A thank you to all who joined us and participated in our two webinars this past week on Tuesday and Wednesday associated with new requirements and processes for Concussion Education and Management as well as US Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDIs).

We value the opportunity to share these important requirements with you and have in-depth discussions as we continue to collectively prioritize player safety, welfare, and development.

As promised during the webinar sessions, we have summarized and consolidated our notes from the sessions and refreshed our website to reflect the most current information and resources on these subjects. These resources may be accessed directly via the Cal South website at:

www.calsouth.com/playersafety

As a reminder, a primary component influencing many of the requirements related to concussions or head injuries is California Legislation, Assembly Bill 2007, which became effective earlier this year and applies to all youth sports organizations who elect to offer athletic programs. Among the most critical elements, is the annual requirement to provide concussion and head injury information facts to each athlete and parent and ensure the information sheet is signed and returned, before the athlete initiates practice or competition.

Cal South has incorporated modifications into our registration system to accommodate these notification requirements utilizing an Electronic Legal Agreement (ELA) which meets the criteria. Other accommodations, such as electronic mail, may also be considered upon coordination with the Cal South Corporate Office.

Cal South understands some registrations have been processed for the upcoming 2017-18 playing season and will work collaboratively with affiliate leagues and clubs to fulfill the requirements of AB2007. Please be aware that player activation and card printing for the new season are not authorized until these requirements have been met.

Updates to the U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDIs) for the 2017-18 playing season are also provided. These include all updates of the PDIs related to each segment of the Small Sided Game (SSG) environment, including field sizes; goal sizes; roster size; etc.

Throughout, and since the webinar sessions, we have received several questions which we have captured in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on the resource page. We hope you find these useful as you read through them for additional information.

Concussion topic bullets below are available by [clicking here](#)

- Cal South Concussion Information Fact Sheet for Parents (**REQUIRED**)
- California Legislature Assembly Bill No.2007

- Cal South Concussion & US Soccer PDI Webinar Video Presentation (VIDEO)
- Cal South Concussion & US Soccer PDI Webinar (PowerPoint PDF)
- How to Guide to Upload Concussion Certificate (VIDEO)

Center for Disease Control (CDC) resources:

- CDC Course Information
- CDC Online Training Course
- CDC HEADS UP Concussion Resources:
 - For Parents
 - For Coaches
 - For Athletes
 - For Sports Officials

US Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDIs) & Birth Year Matrix

- English
- Español
- Birth Year Matrix
- Frequently Asked Questions

Cal South PDI's – *Season At-a-Glance*

US Soccer – Recognize to Recover Campaign

Cal South is committed to player safety and wellbeing. We recognized the need for increased awareness regarding concussions, head injuries, and brain trauma. We are committed to the Player Development Initiatives adopted by US Soccer and will continue to offer resources to support this effort.

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