

State of Michigan Sports Concussion Law

A concussion is a brain injury, caused by a blow, bump or jolt to the head that can have serious consequences. It can occur in any sport or recreational activity.

Michigan was the 39th US State to enact a law that regulates sports concussions and return to athletic activity. Law goes into full effect on June 30th, 2013.

The sports concussion legislation requires all coaches, employees, volunteers, and other adults involved with youth athletic activity to complete a concussion awareness online training program.

The organizing entity must provide educational materials on the signs/symptoms and consequences of concussions to each youth athlete and their parents/guardians and obtain a signed statement acknowledging receipt of the information for the organizing entity to keep on record.

The law also requires immediate removal of an athlete from physical participation in an athletic activity who is suspected of sustaining a concussion. The student athlete must then receive written clearance from an appropriate health care professional before he or she may return to physical activity.

For more information on this new law and for resources please visit:

<http://www.michigan.gov/sportsconcussion>

All coaches are required to complete a concussion awareness online training. The online training can be found by going to <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>. At the end of the online training program a certificate will be available to print. All coaches will be required to turn in this certificate to the Chesterfield Township Parks & Recreation Department. Any coach who fails to turn in this certificate will not be allowed to coach until the online training program is complete and certificate is turned in.

A link to the Department of Community Health is available on our website www.chesterfieldtwp.org under Parks and Recreation.