



DSA CONCUSSION POLICY

Due to the seriousness of concussion-related injuries and our unwavering commitment to keeping our children safe, moving forward the Dracut Soccer Association will be adopting the Massachusetts Youth Soccer policy on concussions as stated below:

“A player removed from participation as a result of a head injury or symptoms similar to those of a concussion shall not be permitted to return to play to any extent until they have provided their team coach with a written unconditional “Medical Clearance to Return to Play” from a licensed Medical Doctor.”

It is our expectation that this policy will clarify protective measures for all involved in youth soccer in Massachusetts and simplify communication between coaches and parents when concussion related issues arise.

In addition:

- All board members and coaches participating in the travel and recreation program are now required to take the CDC’s online certificate program located at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>
- All coaches are now required to report any instances which may have resulted in a head injury or trauma within 24 hours of such incident to their travel commissioner. The travel commissioner will then follow-up with the parents to determine the child’s condition and status for future DSA activities.

Once the board members and coaches have completed the course they are to email PDF file of your completion to your DSA Travel Commissioner (Boys - Scott @ sjsoucy@comcast.net; Girls – Doug @ dtscanlon@comcast.net);. All board members and coaches are to submit confirmation of course completion no later than two weeks prior to the season. Failure to do so will result in the coach being unable to coach until such time as the passing certificate is received.