

Penn United Force Futbol Club (PUFFC) Concussion Policy

Adoption *Fall, 2013*

The PUFFC recognizes, adopts, and will begin immediate implementation of the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association "Policy on Concussion Procedure and Protocol v1.0" dated October 2012.

Policy Highlights

Key points of the EPYSA policy called out for special attention are:

- All EPYSA members will follow the "Policy on Concussion Procedure and Protocol v1.0"
- All EPYSA members shall provide educational materials to coaches, players and parents
- Enforcement of the EPYSA policy is remanded to the local club
- Any player exhibiting the signs or symptoms of a concussion or traumatic brain injury while participating in a sanctioned soccer activity shall be removed by the coach from participation at that time. In addition, coaches should not allow a child to participate if they are aware of a concussion received from another activity, outside of their direct authority.
- The coach shall not return a child to soccer participation until the child is evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by a licensed physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

Penalties for Violation

1. For a first violation, suspension from coaching / play for the remainder of the season.
2. For a second violation, suspension from all soccer activity for the remainder of the season and for the next season.
3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from all soccer activity.

Implementation

- Coaches shall follow the five steps outlined in the EPYSA policy regarding: assessment of possible concussion, emergency treatment, removal from play, notification of parents, and submission of documentation to the Club.
- The following positions must present proof of completion of an approved concussion education program annually: coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, board members, coaching committee members.
- The following are strongly encouraged, but not required, to complete an approved concussion education program annually: coaches, directors and coordinators.
- Approved concussion education programs and procedures to submit documentation are available on the Club website at www.pennunitedforce.com
- Failure to submit documentation of completion of an approved concussion education program is considered a violation of this policy and subject to the penalties listed previously.
- Each season, parents will sign and acknowledge this policy and return it to the team coach along with the medical release form

Acknowledgement

Signature _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____