

NEW CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

California Assembly Bill No. 379 was approved by the California Governor on August 30, 2019.

The Bill primarily amends the existing law known to the Cal South soccer community as Assembly Bill No. 2007 Youth Sports Concussion Prevention Protocols to Youth Sports Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Protocols.

AB No. 379 has several key amendments as stated below by the Legislative Counsel's Digest:

“Existing law requires a youth sports organization, as defined to include an organization, business, nonprofit entity, or local governmental agency that sponsors or conducts amateur sports competitions, training, camps, or clubs in which persons 17 years of age or younger participate in any of 27 designated sports, if it offers an athletic program, to follow specified protocols with respect to concussions and other head injuries.”

“This bill would delete the designation of the 27 sports from the definition of youth sports organization for purposes of this provision, thus expanding the scope of this definition to any amateur sports competitions, training, camps, or clubs in which persons 17 years of age or younger participate. The bill would add to the requirements imposed on youth sports organizations by this provision specified protocols, similar to the concussion protocols required by existing law, relating to sudden cardiac arrest prevention.”

Also, to note, is the additional wording clarifying who is to sign the Concussion & Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information sheet.

(3) (A) On a yearly basis, the youth sports organization shall give both a concussion and head injury and a sudden cardiac arrest information sheet to each athlete. The information sheet shall be signed and returned by the athlete and, if the athlete is 17 years of age or younger, shall also be signed by the athlete's parent or guardian, before the athlete initiates practice or competition.

(B) If the athlete is six years of age or younger, only the signature of the athlete's parent or guardian shall be required to comply with this paragraph. If the athlete is 18 years of age or older, only the signature of the athlete shall be required to comply with this paragraph.

Finally, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest education certification may be obtained through the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and uploaded and verified onto the US Soccer Connect registration system. The upload feature will be available on December 6, 2019.

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