Cal South State Tournament or Event Concussion Policy Procedure & Protocol Requirements

Step 1. Player safety is our primarily goal. A player that is suspected of sustaining a head injury or concussion will be immediately removed from the game. The onsite medical staff will perform an evaluation of the player at that time.

Step 2. If medical the staff suspects a head injury or concussion after their evaluation, the player will be immediately removed from play. The medical staff person may determine and consult the parent or team manager if the player should be taken to a hospital for further evaluation at that time.

Step 3. Medical staff will complete a Medical Injury Report and submit their report to the onsite Tournament Official.

Step 4. The Game Official will be required to complete a Supplemental Referee Report reporting the player injury and submit their report along with the player's Cal South Player Pass to the onsite Tournament Official.

Step 5. The Cal South Tournament Official will complete a Possible Concussion or TBI Notification Form for Cal South Events. The Tournament Official will provide a copy to the injured player's parent or the team administrator, if a parent is not available. Receipt acknowledgement is required. The team administrator must also provide contact information for the player's parents to Cal South and forward a copy of the signed Possible Concussion or TBI Notification Form to the parent or legal guardian.

Step 6. The onsite Tournament Official will post the concussion injury on the player's profile on the Cal South online system which will void the player's participation eligibility in Cal South State Tournaments or Events until a Medical release is submitted and validated.

- The medical release submitted shall be on the physician's business letterhead, bear the physicians full name, the office/location address and office phone number.
- Medical releases will be evaluated by the Cal South Corporate Office the following business day, at the earliest.
- The player will not be allowed to return to play in Cal South State Tournament that weekend. (Note: weekend proposal)
- Only authorized Cal South personnel may approve return to play. Onsite Tournament Officials do not have the authority to approve a player returning to play during the competition.
- A player will be allowed to return to only after all Cal South return to play requirements stated above are fulfilled.

Step 7. The onsite Cal South Tournament Official will submit the completed Possible Concussion or TBI Notification Form for Cal South Events, the Referee Supplement Report and the Player Pass to Cal South Administrative Services Group (ASG) Manager.

Step 8. The Cal South ASG Manager will hold and archive these documents until an original medical release signed by a licensed medical professional is submitted by the parent/guardian and has verified its validity. Until Cal South has verified and validated the submitted medical release, the player may not return to play.

For further assistance, please forward your questions or contact us at <u>concussion@calsouth.com</u>.