

## **Jenna's Law - Oregon Senate Bill 721: Important Information**

On January 1, 2014, a new Oregon law, Senate Bill 721, took effect. This law affects all youth sports leagues, coaches, managers, league governing bodies, non-school athletic teams (which, are teams with persons under age 18 and not affiliated with a public school in Oregon), referee governing bodies and referees that are affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a nonprofit corporation established as provided by ORS chapter 65.

The law dictates that all youth sports coaches and officials must be trained to identify signs of possible concussion and are mandated to remove children from play if the child displays any of these signs. There are training requirements for coaches and officials and legally mandated suspensions for anyone found in violation of the statute.

The new Senate Bill 721, requires that we supply our players and at least one parent or legal guardian with the new guidelines and materials to inform and educate all parties about the symptoms and warning signs of a concussion.

For each year you or your child (under the age of 18) participate in all recreational sports such as playing a sport at SCS, we are now required to notify at least one parent or legal guardian of these new state requirements. Each player's parent or legal guardian must acknowledge the receipt of the guidelines, materials and they must confirm they have reviewed of those guidelines and materials by: a) The parent or legal guardian of the person; and b) If the person is 12 years of age or older, the person.

Before you will be allowed to participate during the 2015/16 school year, you and one of your parents or legal guardians must review the materials by selecting the links below and returning a completed: PARENT'S LIABILITY RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONCUSSION GUIDELINES AND MATERIALS form to our office as well as a copy to the team's manager.

### **CDC - Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet**

#### **CDC - Fact Sheet for Players**

#### **CDC - Fact Sheet for Parents**

Our school may forward you additional information regarding their guidelines and policies regarding returning to play after a suspected or observed concussion. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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