



VERMONT SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONCUSSION POLICY

6 Concussion Policy Components:

- 1) **Registration Form Information:** Information from Parents on Players history of concussions
 - Each clubs Registration and/or Medical Release Form updated to allow parents to self-report their child's history of concussions (if any)
- 2) **Coaches:**
 - Require all Coaches (Mandatory) to complete on-line CDC "Heads UP" Concussion Education Course
 - Rec & Travel Coaches
 - Annual certification (will be incorporated into Background Check Process)
- 3) **Players/Parents Education:**
 - Member Clubs take ownership and initiative to provide Concussion education to club membership
 - Resources available:
 - A) Vermont ODP Parent & Athlete Concussion Form
 - B) Vermont ODP Concussion Procedure & Protocol
- 4) **Referees:** Game Reports: report all major injuries & any concussions in Game reports
- 5) **VSA Concussion Monitoring/Reporting Process:**
 - VSA Office reviews weekly Game Reports from Referees
 - VSA contacts Coach and Club Administration (if provided to VSA) of injured player from Game report (email & phone call); Parent of injured player copied on email.
 - Coach contacts family member of a report of a possible concussion
 - Member club requests the family have the player examined by a Health Care Provider and provide documentation from the Health Care provider to Club when player is cleared to play.
- 6) **Base Line Testing:** Make member clubs aware that Base Line Testing is available to family members for a fee, which may vary based upon the service provided.