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RE: Michigan House Bill No. 5697/Senate Bill No. 1122- Youth Athletic Concussions

Dear MSYSA League Officials,

Please be advised that on January 1st 2013, Michigan House Bill No. 5697 and Senate Bill No. 1122 took effect enacting new regulations regarding youth athletes and concussions. Within 90 days of this bill being passed the Michigan Department of Community Health will make available a waiver form that MUST be signed by all youth athletes in Michigan and kept on file for the duration of their adolescence.

MSYSA clubs and leagues will be responsible for collecting and keeping the Department of Community Health waiver. The waiver will need to be signed by parents or guardians of all soccer participants playing in MSYSA and kept on file at the club or league level. According to House Bill No. 5697:

THE ORGANIZING ENTITY SHALL MAINTAIN THE STATEMENT OBTAINED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION IN A PERMANENT FILE FOR THE DURATION OF THAT YOUTH ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY SPONSORED BY OR OPERATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THAT ORGANIZING ENTITY OR UNTIL THE YOUTH ATHLETE IS 18 YEARS OF AGE. UPON REQUEST, THE ORGANIZING ENTITY SHALL MAKE THE STATEMENTS OBTAINED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

For your convenience, MSYSA has posted many helpful resources regarding concussions and youth participation on the MSYSA website. From the homepage (<a href="www.michiganyouthsoccer.org">www.michiganyouthsoccer.org</a>) navigate to the Membership Services tab and then click on the Concussion Information tab. Feel free to use any of this literature for you own organization.

Once the Michigan Department of Community Health publishes the waiver form, MSYSA will notify all member leagues and provide the form. All MSYSA members leagues should expect to be in compliance with this new legislation for the Spring 2013 Season.

If you should have any questions regarding the new Michigan Legislation and or concussion information please contact Joel Dragan at the MSYSA State Office.

Sincerely,

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