

Player Safety Statement

Soccer is a physical, contact, sport that involves a risk of injury. The coach's responsibility is to the health and safety of all participants. The coach should supervise and control his/her players to avoid injury situations. The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.

It is the intent of FCAYS to provide an environment that fosters the wellbeing and safety of the players. However, FCAYS cannot guarantee that no harm may be suffered by its players. It is further the intent of FCAYS that all of its members, including the parents and guardians of players, shall be honest and forthright in providing information regarding the health and condition of the players. Coaches are authorized to refrain from playing a player and to remove a player from play if the coach believes or has reason to believe that the player has suffered such an injury or has such a condition, whether suffered before or during a practice or a game, that it would not be in the player's best interest to play.

Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured. No athlete should return to play or other at-risk participation when symptoms of concussion or other injury are present and recovery is ongoing.

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