

Santa Fe Capitals Youth Hockey Association Concussion Policy

INTRODUCTION

The Santa Fe Capitals Youth Hockey Association (SFHA) complies with the Concussion Management policies and procedures of The Land of Enchantment Amateur Hockey Association (LOEAHA), USA Hockey and the State of New Mexico. SFHA also reserves the right to impose additional requirements for concussion management protocols at its sole discretion.

Coaches are expected to be familiar with the the USA Hockey Concussion Management Program, particularly regarding the identification and assessment of suspected concussion injuries during any sanctioned SFHA event.

Team Managers are also expected to be familiar with the USA Hockey Concussion Management Program and may be asked to assist in explaining this Program and the Return to Play requirements to Players and Parents/Guardians.

Any Player suspected of sustaining a concussion related injury must be immediately removed from play. It is the responsibility of the adult Player or the Player's parents/guardians to follow the guidance of a qualified medical professional for treatment.

Any Player diagnosed with a concussion related injury will not be eligible to return to practices or games for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days from the date of injury. A completed Return to Play form signed by an authorized medical professional is required to return to play. The completed form must be submitted to the Coach and the Association Registrar before returning to play. This form is available on the SFHA or USA Hockey web sites.

This Policy was submitted and approved by the Santa Fe Hockey Association Board of Directors.

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ATTESTED BY: _____
Denise Ip, Secretary