



## PLAYING IT FORWARD SPORTS POLICIES & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the services offered by Playing It Forward Sports and utilize its facility and equipment, and for other good and valuable consideration, I the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

I hereby forever, waive, release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Playing It Forward Sports and its directors, officers, shareholders, agents, employees, members, representatives, affiliates and all others acting on behalf of Playing It Forward Sports from any claims, suits, actions, losses, demands, damages and liabilities of any nature whatsoever, arising in law or in equity (collectively "liabilities") arising out of or in any way connected with any activities, programs, or services of Playing It Forward Sports, including, but not limited to any injury, loss or damage to my person and/or property, including those caused by negligent act or omission, gross negligence, or intentional misconduct of any party.

I have been informed of, understand and am aware that fitness, strength, flexibility, and aerobic exercise, including the use of equipment and weights are potentially hazardous activities. I understand and am aware that such activities involve a risk, including death or serious disability and acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in these activities and using equipment and weights with full knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the dangers involved. I hereby agree to expressly assume and accept any and all such risks.

I declare myself to be physically healthy and suffering no conditions, impairment, disease, infirmity or other illness that would prevent my participation or use of equipment and weight. I understand that it is recommended that I have yearly or more frequent physical examinations and consult with my physician prior to beginning any exercise regimen on an ongoing basis.

Pursuant to the passage of House Bill 204, Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Playing It Forward Sports requires all participants, athletes, parents/guardians, coaches and spectators follow the Playing It Forward Head Injury Policy and Procedure. (Posted on [www.playingitforwardsports.com](http://www.playingitforwardsports.com) also included on back of liability release)

I am aware that Playing It Forward Sports may have an active Web Cam/Security System that streams all images within the facility. I hereby release my image and all other images taken of me within the Playing It Forward Sports to be used by Playing It Forward Sports.

I understand and acknowledge that there has been no guaranty of results or representation regarding my specific goals. I understand that it is my responsibility to follow through with the pursuit of my own goals and the objectives necessary to reach said goals.

PRINT NAME OF PARTICIPANT AND/OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME OF TEAM OR GROUP REPRESENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

If signing on behalf of a team or group, it is your responsibility to make sure that everyone on your team or in your group is aware of the policies and liabilities of Playing It Forward Sports.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player/Participant and/or Team Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Playing It Forward Sports - Concussion and Head Injury Policy

Pursuant to the passage of House Bill 204, Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries and in order to help protect participants at Playing It Forward Sports, Playing It Forward Sports requires that athletes, parents/guardians and coaches follow Playing It Forward Sports Head Injury Policy and Procedures.

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** You can't see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child/player reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

### **Symptoms may include one or more of the**

- Headaches
- "Pressure in head"
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Drowsiness
- Change in sleep patterns
- Amnesia
- "Don't feel right"
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- More emotional
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)
- Repeating the same question/comment

### **Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches may include:**

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Answers questions slowly
- Moves clumsily or displays lack of coordination
- Can't recall events prior to hit
- Can't recall events after hit
- Any Change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses Consciousness
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Slurred speech
- Seizures or convulsions

### **What can happen if my athlete keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?**

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for a young athlete's safety.

### **If you think your child/player has suffered a concussion**

Any athlete, under the age of 18, suspected of suffering a head injury or concussion must be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance. Written medical clearance must state that the athlete has been evaluated by a qualified health care provider, licensed under Utah Code Ann, Title 58, who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions; and that the qualified health care provider has, within three years before the day on which the written statement is made, successfully completed a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of a concussion; and the athlete is cleared to resume participation in the County sporting program or event.

Licensed Health Care Providers acceptable to make the determination:

- Medical Doctors (MD)
- Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)
- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)
- Physician's Assistant (PA)
- Licensed Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC)

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child/player may have a concussion. Remember, it's better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.