

## ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION Alaska Futsal League

## **AFL Possible Head Injury-Concussion Notification**

Today,, 2, at the	[insert AFL-Game &
Player Name] received a possible h	ead injury / concussion during competition. Alaska Youth Soccer / US
Youth Soccer and Affiliate Staff wa	ant to make you aware of this possibility and signs and symptoms that
may arise which may require furth	ner evaluation and/or treatment.

It is common for a concussed child or young adult to have one or many concussion symptoms. There are four types of symptoms: physical, cognitive, emotional, and sleep.

If your daughter or son starts to show signs of these symptoms, or there any other symptoms you notice about the behavior or conduct of your son or daughter, you should consider seeking immediate medical attention:

- Vomiting
- Neck pain
- Fatigued
- Focus issues
- Slow reactions
- Slurred speech
- Odd behavior
- Seizures

- Memory difficulties
- Irritability
- Delicate to light or noise
- Repeats the same answer or question
- Headaches that worsen
- Irregular Sleep Pattern
- Weakness/numbness in arms/legs

Please take the necessary precautions and seek a professional medical opinion before allowing your daughter or son to participate further. Until a professional medical opinion is provided, please consider the following guidelines:

- refraining from participation in any activities the day of, and the day after, the occurrence.
- refraining from taking any medicine unless (1) current medicine, prescribed or authorized, is permitted to be continued to be taken, and (2) any other medicine is prescribed by a licensed health care professional.
- refraining from cognitive activities requiring concentration cognitive activities such as TV, video games, computer work, and text messaging if they are causing symptoms.

If you are unclear and have questions about the above symptoms, please contact a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who specializes in concussion treatment and management. Please be advised that a player who suffers a concussion may not return to play until there is provided a signed clearance from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who specializes in concussion treatment and management.

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Player's Team:	Age Group:
Player Name:	Gender:
Player Signature:	Date:
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:	Date:
Team Official Signature:	Date:

By inserting my name and date and returning this Notification Form, I confirm that I have been provided with, and acknowledge that, I have read the information contained in the Form.

Please complete the form with signatures; submit form by email or mail. Mail to AYSA at: 1231 W Northern Lights Blvd #821, Anchorage AK 99503. Email to AYSA at: alaskayouthsoccer@gmail.com

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