



TO: Section 5 Games Participants

From: Region 605 Safety Director

As the new Safety Director, I would like to pass along some information from my training to make this year's AYSO Section 5 Soccer Tournament safe and enjoyable.

The weather in Charlotte will be very, very hot so please drink fluids often and watch for overexposure.

Areas have been marked off throughout the park for team tents so please bring them for your players and families and keep plenty of water and fruit in them.

All incidents must be documented and reported to AYSO. I will include the incident form in your packets and the WEB site. This includes but is not limited to Injuries, threats of bodily harm, fighting, property damage and hospitalizations.

Team members shall not be allowed to practice or participate in any game with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify the team member from practice or game participation.

My main injury concern is head concussions. This occurs when a blow to the head causes the rapid movement of the brain inside the skull resulting from a fall, head-to-head collision, striking the goalpost /ball or even a mild bump/blow. They can occur without loss of consciousness.

I have included fact sheets for Coaches, Players, Parents from the "Heads Up" Program but the player must leave the game until AYSO Tournament Official, and on-site medical personnel clear them to return.

If you have any further questions, please refer them to Rosanne MacPhail, National Management Program Administrator. 1-800-595-2976 or rosannemacphail@ayso.org

Thanks and have a safe and enjoyable tournament.

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AYSO

- Everyone Plays
- Balanced Teams
- Open Registration
- Positive Coaching
- Good Sportsmanship
- Player Development