

NINE MILE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Compliance Statement for HB 1824, Youth Sports – Head Injury Policies
and SB 5083, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness**

_____ requests the use of the _____
Group/Organization School/Area/Room
for the following dates: _____

_____, a non-profit youth sports group, verifies that all **coaches, athletes, and their parents/guardians** have complied with mandated policies for the management of concussions and head injuries as prescribed by HB 1824, section 2 and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness as prescribed by SB 5083, section 3. (See HB1824 Summary attached.)

Attached is a Proof of Insurance under an accident and liability policy issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in Washington State covering any injury or damage with at least \$50,000 due to bodily injury or death of one person, or at least \$100,000 due to bodily injury or death of two or more persons.

Signed:

Representative of Private Non-Profit Youth Sports Group

Date

* Note: Access to school facilities may not be granted until all requirements of this application are complete and approved by the school district and/or designee

HB 1824 SUMMARY

On May 14, 2009, Governor Gregoire signed into law HB 1824, the Zachery Lystedt Law, directing the education of coaches, players, and parents on the recognition and management of concussions as well as establishing return-to-play protocol for all youth athletes suspected of or having a concussion or brain injury. We see this legislation as a great tool for managing and preventing injuries to student athletes, and dramatically lowering the risk of a catastrophic injury claim.

As of July 26, 2009, the implementation date of the legislation, the following will apply to all school coaches, players, and their parents/guardians.

- 1) All school coaches will have to take a training course on the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries including continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.
- 2) Each school year prior to initiating any turnouts or competition, all school athletes and their parents/guardians must have received a training on concussions and head injuries and provide the school with a signed statement indicating they have taken this training.
- 3) All athletes suspected of suffering a concussion or brain injury will be removed from practice or competition and not returned to play until cleared in writing by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.
- 4) All non-profit youth organizations using school facilities shall:
 - a) Provide the school with written Proof of Insurance covering their youth athletes with limits required by law (this was required well before the Zackery Lystedt Law), and
 - b) All coaches, players, and parents of youth teams shall have similar training as outlined for school coaches prior to the start of any practice, and
 - c) The non-profit youth groups shall indicate in writing their compliance with the insurance coverage and required head injury training prior to receiving access to school facilities.