

# COACH

## OHIO'S CONCUSSION AWARENESS LAW

(Law applies to all youth sports ages 4-17)

OHIO has passed a law, formerly House Bill 143, that requires all Coaches, Referees and league officials to undergo Concussion Awareness training every three years. This law applies to all youth sports including recreational, travel, indoor and premier soccer. The new law, ORC 3707.52 became effective April 26, 2013. The information can be found on their web site at <http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/concussion.aspx>. The ODH has provided links to two separate free training programs. One is run by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and the other by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**THIS LAW DOES APPLY TO INDOOR SOCCER FACILITIES!**

NFHS Training Site -

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?course=38000>

CDC Training Site –

[http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)

Please note: Both courses offer a “certificate of completion” upon successful passage. These training courses are approx. 30-40 minutes in length. It is imperative that all coaches have the “certificate of completion” when registering their team and they submit a copy of completion to Farmer Jim’s Sports Complex.

Farmer Jim’s will be available for you to complete either course. We will be offering a computer at our open houses (Open House- **October 7, 14, 15** from 1-5 pm) for you if needed. Also, we are planning a Course Completion Night, where you can come in and take the course, (Date and time to be announced on web-site). Due to limited time and space, we recommend that you complete the course at your convenience

**Thank you coaches for taking the time to be aware and follow state laws.**

