



Dear Parent/Guardian and Coach:

The State of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) recognize that concussions and head injuries may result in youth who participate in sports and other recreational activities and that there are dangerous risks when a concussion or head injury is not properly checked or managed.

The State of Wisconsin recently passed Wisconsin Act 172 which requires improved education and understanding of sports related head injuries and concussions for parents, athletes and coaches. As a result, MPS has conducted a complete review of all of its sports and recreational activities and developed the following set of required guidelines to ensure the safety of all youth participants:

1. For each sport, MPS will distribute a Head Injury and Concussion Information sheet to all parents/guardians and youth participating in competitive sports activities.
2. Parents/guardians and athletes must sign and return an Agreement Form indicating they have reviewed and understand the information about head injuries and concussions before participating in any competitive activity. Youth are not allowed to practice or compete until the signed Agreement Forms are on file with MPS.
3. Coaches are also required to return an Agreement Form indicating they have reviewed and understand the information before they can begin coaching.

Additionally, all parents/guardians and coaches, including volunteers, are highly encouraged to take a free course relating to addressing concussions in sports among kids and teens at [www.preventingconcussions.org](http://www.preventingconcussions.org). Furthermore, all coaches of competitive sport activities are required to follow the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association guidelines for the management of head injuries and concussions.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of our youth athletes. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact me at 475-8219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Molbeck".

Bill Molbeck  
MPS Commissioner of Sports & Athletics