



On December 2, 2019, Ontario Soccer sent out an Action Bulletin that sets out the requirements for the Mandatory Implementation of Rowan’s Law, which is Concussion Safety legislation that has been enacted by the Province of Ontario. While this information has already been posted on the EMSA website, EMSA would like to draw your attention to the significant responsibility that this legislation places on clubs to comply with the mandatory requirements of the legislation. Please note that it is up to you, as individual clubs to ensure that you comply with Rowan’s Law along with all other laws of Ontario. Should a club not comply with Rowan’s Law, that club assumes any liability risk that is associated with non-compliance.

Effective immediately clubs must comply as follows:

1. Clubs must ensure that each year, athletes under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, Coaches, Team Trainers and Team Officials confirm that they have reviewed Ontario’s Concussion Awareness Resources and have signed* a Confirmation of Receipt for the review of the Concussion Awareness Resources, prior to the athlete participating in soccer for that Club. Ontario’s Concussion Awareness Resources and the Confirmation Receipt for the review of Concussion Awareness Resources can be found on the EMSA website by clicking on “Registration” – ‘Forms for Club Use”. It is the Club’s responsibility to retain each Confirmation of Receipt each year; and
2. Clubs must establish two Concussion Code of Conducts (1- Athletes & Parents/Guardians , 2- Coaches & Team Trainers) that sets out rules of behaviour to support concussion prevention. Each year, Athletes/Parents, Coaches and Team Trainers must review and sign* off on their club’s Concussion Code of Conduct. To assist you in establishing your Concussion Code of Conduct, a sample Concussion Code of Conduct can be found on the EMSA website by clicking on “Registration” – ‘Forms for Club Use”. Once again, it is each club’s responsibility to retain the signed Concussion Codes of Conduct each year.

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- electronic signatures are acceptable

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