

## Concussion Policy

Suwanee Sports Academy recognizes that adolescent athletes are particularly vulnerable to the effects of concussions.

In compliance with the passage of House Bill 284, and to ensure the ongoing safety of our youth athletes, the following protocols will be effective January 1, 2014:

- A. Prior to the beginning of each athletic season, an informational sheet emphasizing the risks of concussions shall be distributed to the parents/guardians of all youth athletes (ages 7 to 18).
- B. Any youth athlete who participates in youth athletics and exhibits signs of a concussion must be removed from the game, practice, competition or tryout and be evaluated by a healthcare provider.\*\*
- C. Any youth athlete who is deemed by a health care as sustaining a concussion shall not be permitted to return to play until he/she receives clearance from a health care provider for a full or graduated return to play.

*\* By law, recreational leagues only have to comply with Part A of the policy above; however, it is strongly encouraged that leagues establish and implement a concussion management policy consistent with the school level requirements.*

*\*\* The term 'healthcare provider' means a licensed physician or another licensed individual under the supervision of a licensed physician, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.*