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Saskatchewan Soccer Association announces new Concussion Management Policy

Tuesday October 29th, 2013 **Regina, Saskatchewan** –

The Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) is pleased to announce the release of a new Concussion Management Policy. The Policy was developed and reviewed through the Concussion in Sport Grassroots Workshop hosted by the Sports Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan (SMSCS) and is included in the SSA Policy Manual as Section 13, Policy 2.5. With concussion in sport becoming a major focus and head health and care of paramount importance, Member Organizations are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Policy and adopt it in full or adapt it to meet the needs of the local soccer community.

In addition to the Policy, the SSA would also like to remind administrators and coaches of the availability of the National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) online e-learning concussion module, "Making Headway in Soccer" through the Coaching Association of Canada. The module is an outstanding resource for those in direct contact with athletes to build awareness of the causes and symptoms of head injuries as well as the proper care and return to play protocol in the event of concussion.

For more information see the SSA website page Player and Coach Safety.

The SSA would like to thank the SMSCS for their support in developing the Concussion Management Policy.



