



Dear Ohio North Member,

President  
Paul R. Emhoff

As you may have heard, there has been a new law passed, Lindsay's Law, that require all youth athletes, parents/guardians, and coaches to complete a set of requirements prior to participating in any sports activity annually.

Vice President  
David Ehlert

*Effective immediately, in accordance to Senate Bill 252, all members must follow and adhere to the Lindsay's Law: Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Youth Athletes and its requirements.*

Secretary  
Patrick Cingel

### **What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?**

Treasurer  
Ronald Gedrich

A Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating, cutting off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. Sudden cardiac arrest is fatal if not treated immediately, most often by a defibrillator.

District I  
Commissioner  
Scott MacMillan

### **Lindsay's Law**

Lindsay's Law, Ohio Revised Code [3313.5310](#), [3707.58](#) and [3707.59](#) went into effect on August 1, 2017.

District II  
Commissioner  
Tom Pickett

In accordance with this law, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and other stakeholders jointly developed guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate students and youth athletes participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

District III  
Commissioner  
Pete Kennedy

The following resources were developed to implement Lindsay's Law:

District IV  
Commissioner  
Paul Holdgate

For **parents/guardians** and **youth athletes**:

[Required video](#)

[Required SCA Informational Handout](#)

[Required Signature Form](#)

For **coaches**:

[Required video](#)

[Required SCA Informational Handout](#)



We are aware many teams are in the process or have already been activated and approved to play. At this time the clubs and leagues must have their members do the following:

**Parents/Guardians:**

- Watch [Required Video](#)
- Download and/or be handed the [SCA Informational Handout](#)
- Sign the [Required Signature Form](#)

**Athletes (no age minimum):**

- Sign the same [Required Signature Form](#) that your parent/guardian has signed

**Coaches:**

- Watch the [Required Coach Video](#)
- Download and/or be handed the [SCA Information Handout specifically for coaches](#)

**Club's Responsibility:**

- Collect the signature forms and have on file
- Sign the [Lindsay's Law Compliance](#) form and submit to your playing league
  - If you are an In-House Recreational league, please send your completed compliance form to [stateoffice@ohionorthsoccer.org](mailto:stateoffice@ohionorthsoccer.org)

**Playing League's Responsibility:**

- Collect your club's compliance forms and have on file
- Sign the [Lindsay's Law Compliance form](#) and submit to the state to [stateoffice@ohionorthsoccer.org](mailto:stateoffice@ohionorthsoccer.org).

In the future, we are hoping to have this electronically set up but for this year seasonal year, paper copies must be used.

Thank you.