VERMONT SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONCUSSION POLICY

6 Concussion Policy Components:

1) **Registration Form Information**: Information from Parents on Players history of concussions
   - Each club’s Registration and/or Medical Release Form updated to allow parents to self-report their child’s history of concussions (if any)

2) **Coaches**:
   - Require all Coaches (Mandatory) to complete online CDC “Heads UP” Concussion Education Course
   - Rec & Travel Coaches
   - Annual certification (will be incorporated into Background Check Process)

3) **Players/Parents Education**:
   - Member Clubs take ownership and initiative to provide Concussion education to club membership
   - Resources available:
     A) Vermont ODP Parent & Athlete Concussion Form
     B) Vermont ODP Concussion Procedure & Protocol

4) **Referees**: Game Reports: report all major injuries & any concussions in Game reports

5) **VSA Concussion Monitoring/Reporting Process**:
   - VSA Office reviews weekly Game Reports from Referees
   - VSA contacts Coach and Club Administration (if provided to VSA) of injured player from Game report (email & phone call); Parent of injured player copied on email.
   - Coach contacts family member of a report of a possible concussion
   - Member club requests the family have the player examined by a Health Care Provider and provide documentation from the Health Care provider to Club when player is cleared to play.

6) **Base Line Testing**: Make member clubs aware that Base Line Testing is available to family members for a fee, which may vary based upon the service provided.