



Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights

Protecting America's Student Athletes

- I. **Student Athletes have the right** to be coached by individuals who are well trained in sport-specific safety and to be monitored by athletic health care team members.
- II. **Student Athletes have the right** to quality, regular pre-participation examinations and each athlete has the right to participate under a comprehensive concussion management plan.
- III. **Student Athletes have the right** to participate in sporting activities on safe, clean playing surfaces, in both indoor and outdoor facilities.
- IV. **Student Athletes have the right** to utilize equipment and uniforms that are safe, fitted appropriately and routinely maintained, and to appropriate personnel trained in proper removal of equipment in case of injury.
- V. **Student Athletes have the right** to participate safely in all environmental conditions where play follows approved guidelines and medical policies and procedures, with a hydration plan in place.
- VI. **Student Athletes have the right** to a safe playing environment with venue-specific emergency action plans that are coordinated by the athletic health care team and regularly rehearsed with local emergency personnel.
- VII. **Student Athletes have the right** to privacy of health information and proper referral for medical, psychosocial and nutritional counseling.
- VIII. **Student Athletes have the right** to participate in a culture that finds "playing through pain" unacceptable unless there has been a medical assessment.
- IX. **Student Athletes have the right** to immediate, on-site injury assessments with decisions made by qualified sports medicine professionals.
- X. **Student Athletes have the right, along with their parents,** to the latest information about the benefits and potential risks of participation in competitive sports, including access to statistics on fatalities and catastrophic injuries to youth athletes.