

## BPAA Basketball Concussion training and Background checks

To keep in alignment with our BPAA mission, preventive measures are being taken to ensure the safety and well being for the children in the BPAA basketball program.

There are 2 new requirements for being a youth basketball coach this year: formal concussion training, and a formal back ground check policy. We have always completed background checks in the past, but we are going to a more streamlined process for all BPAA Sports, so the form and process has changed.

### **Concussion training**

As some of you may be aware, a new law was passed on 9/1/2011 that all youth coaches are required to complete formal concussion training. Formal training is required just once every 3 years.

In an effort to assist our basketball coaches in completing this training, we are offering 2 options to you: 1) come to the coaches meeting on 10/24/11 with your concussion certificate in hand, or 2) complete the 30 minute training we will provide on site at the coaches meeting. It is a requirement that all coaches go through this training before any practice time is given. There is no cost to you by completing either option.

Here are the instructions for completing the training before the coaches meeting:

1. Go to this link: <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000>
2. Click on the button that says "please log in to order".
3. Log in with your username and password, or register for 1<sup>st</sup> time users.
4. "Concussion in Sports - What You Need To Know" is the name of the free course you need to take, and get certification on.
5. You go through the motions like you are making a purchase through the website, but it is absolutely free of charge.
6. At the end of the training class, there is a PDF certificate that is created for you, with your name on it. You will need to send it to Debbie at [dhins31@msn.com](mailto:dhins31@msn.com) and she will be tracking this certification for all of the BPAA Sports. Therefore, if you coach other BPAA Sports, she will have record of your certification, and you do not need to repeat this certification again for 3 years.

If you are unable to complete the 30 minute training before the coaches meeting, we will have a presentation available to you to complete before you choose practice times, and a certificate that will be provided for you as well.

### **Background Check**

As you arrive at the coaches meeting, you will be asked to complete a background check form, and show some sort of form of ID (drivers license, state ID, etc) that has your full legal name on it.

Once the form is complete, hand it in to one of the commissioners and your background check will be processed. If there are issues with the background check, you will be notified with the next steps. If there are extenuating circumstances, you will be asked to step down as head coach or asst coach, and we will look to find a replacement for the team. You are to assume you have the all clear to coach unless you hear from a BPAA Executive board member.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this information and we look forward to another wonderful season of basketball here in Brooklyn Park!!