



Hart County Recreation and Parks Department Concussion Awareness Policy and Procedures

Approved by Hart County RAB – January 20, 2014

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT **OF** **CONCUSSION AWARENESS POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

I, _____, parent/legal guardian of, _____, understand that the intent of the Hart County Recreation and Parks Department’s (“Department”) Concussion Awareness Policy and Procedures is to reduce the potentially serious health risk associated with sports- and activity-induced concussions and head injuries through education of coaches, referees, employees, instructors of at-risk activities, trainers, parents, and participants of the signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with sports- and activity-induced concussions. I understand that the Department cannot prevent concussions, and/or injuries to the head and/or body, from occurring during the course of recreation sporting events, practices, and competitions.

I further understand that the Department requires that any participant, under the age of 18, suspected of a concussion or head injury must be removed from the activity and it is recommended that the participant be examined by a licensed health care provider. If a participant is deemed by a licensed health care provider to have sustained a concussion, Department personnel or other designated personnel (volunteers, contractors, trainers, and/or parent/legal guardian) shall not permit the participant to return to play until he or she receives documented clearance from a licensed health care provider for a full or graduated return to play.

I further understand and acknowledge that the Department’s adoption of the Concussion Awareness Policy and Procedures shall not create any liability for, or create a cause of action against Hart County, the Department, or their officers, employees, volunteers or other designated individuals for any act of omission to act related to the removal or non-removal of a participant from a Department activity.

The Georgia Department of Public Health is referring everyone to the “Heads Up – Concussion in Youth Sports” program offered by the CDC. The following is a link to the program: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html. Additional information is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussioninYouthSports/> and www.nfhslearn.com.

Parent/Legal Guardian (PRINT)

Parent/Legal Guardian (SIGNATURE)

Date