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TO: All Leagues, Clubs and OSYSA Sanctioned Tournaments

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RE: Lindsay's Law

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

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

[Ohio Department of Health – Lindsay's Law](#)

What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

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.

Lindsay's Law

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

Ohio South is aware that many teams are in the process of registering for competition, or have already been activated and approved to play. At this time leagues, clubs and tournaments must have their members/participants do the following:

Parents/Guardians

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

Athletes

- 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 Recommendation

- Collect the signed Parent/Athlete Signature Forms and have on file for Leagues and Tournaments





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Playing League's Responsibility

- Collect the signed Parent/Athlete Signature Forms and have on file

Sanctioned Tournament Responsibility

- Collect the signed Parent/Athlete Signature Forms and have on file

Lindsay's Law is on the agenda for OSYSA's next Board meeting. Further updates will be provided at that time.

In the future, we expect to have this requirement incorporated into the player registration process. For this seasonal year (August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018), signed paper copies or copies with e-signatures must be used until further notice.

