

Maryland State Youth Soccer Association Launches InjureFree and Preferred Provider Partnership with MedStar Health

State youth soccer association uses HIPAA compliant technology to improve medical oversight, while improving access to health care services for families.

COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, USA, January 25, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- While many organizations struggle to manage the tracking of concussion education delivery, per state mandates, and establishing streamlined communications regarding injured athletes, the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) has taken a momentous step in that direction. This past weekend, MSYSA launched the InjureFree educational delivery and care coordination platform, deploying concussion education for coaches and administrators and beginning to document all athletic related injuries within the Maryland State ODP. The enhanced communication will reduce the administrative burden for administrators and streamline the Return-To-Play process for any athletes who become injured.



As part of the program launch, MSYSA also <u>re-announced</u> the Preferred Provider Partnership with MedStar Sports Medicine that enhances the medical oversight provided to the players of the 2017 Maryland State ODP, while securing access to specialists for all participating players within 24-48

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These are the same children who go to school and play in other sports programs so by improving care [in MSYSA] ... the surrounding communities benefit from the improved access to health care." *Charlie Wund, InjureFree* hours of injury. MedStar has dedicated a 1-800 hotline phone number for MSYSA families to ensure fast and easy access to qualified specialists. The original announcement of the relationship was made late last year.

The initial rollout included all Maryland State ODP participants being enrolled in the InjureFree care coordination technology. Additionally, the rollout will extend to the teams participating in the 2017 MSYSA State Cup and 2017 MSYSA Presidents Cup. The ultimate goal is to have the benefits of this comprehensive partnership extended to every player registered with MSYSA over the next five years. continually provide the best opportunities for the thousands of soccer players who participate in our programs and with our member clubs and leagues; this dynamic partnership is an example of the wonderful work being done." MSYSA is excited to leverage InjureFree's connectivity by partnering with regional health care experts from MedStar Health. In this partnership, sports medicine clinicians and youth sports researchers will be working with association administrators to appropriately monitor injury trends within the youth sports population.

InjureFree CEO Charlie Wund commented, "Following the successful launch with MSYSA's ODP, we are excited to begin extending the network to all participating athletes within the state association. These are the same children who go to school and play in other sports



InjureFree is a web-based care coordination platform for all youth sports injuries, delivering the CDC Heads-Up Concussion Education training modules and tracking completion in real-time.

programs so by improving the care within MSYSA, we are determined, the surrounding communities will also benefit from the improved access to health care. The MSYSA leadership should be commended for their vision and dedication to the families of Maryland."

As youth sport associations manage rule changes and state law compliance while providing for a safe playing environment, MSYSA is tapping InjureFree's ground breaking technology and ability to aggregate data to set a new standard of care for today's participants. By creating the gold standard of care, MSYSA is working to ensure a positive playing environment for the future.

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