



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PNSA AND ITS MEMBER CLUBS REGARDING THE USE OF THE IMPACT ON-LINE CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA), through a grant from the Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation, has acquired a software tool called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam utilized in many professional, collegiate, and high school sports programs across the country, as well as by the U.S. Ski Team, in their respective ongoing efforts to diagnose and manage concussions. The athlete establishes a base line by taking the test. Then, if the athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition or training, ImPACT may be used to help determine the occasion and severity of head injury and to help gauge how the healing process is progressing.

PNSA is offering utilization of this tool to its member athletes through their PNSA member clubs. This memorandum of understanding provides the guidelines for clubs who wish to use this tool for their athletes as outlined in the attached parental/athlete permission slip. While PNSA believes and understands that ImPACT is a valuable and useful tool, PNSA assumes no liability for the validity of the test or its use. This test is not to be used alone to diagnose, treat or return an athlete to any level of activity. It must be used in consultation with an appropriately trained medical provider as part of a comprehensive treatment plan.

PNSA Member Clubs who wish to use the test must meet the following criteria.

- The club must have paid its PNSA club dues prior to participating in the program. (See exception for independent athletes.)
- The club must name a single person to administer the program for their athletes. This person must attend one of the training sessions prior to administering the test to the club's athletes.
- This memorandum of understanding must be accepted and signed by an officer of the club, authorized to sign such documents for the club, prior to receiving program access codes and administering the test to their athletes.
- The club must agree to abide by any subsequent guidelines issued by PNSA for use of the program.
- Properly executed permission slips must be forwarded to PNSA within 10 days after the administration of any tests.

Athletes tested must meet the following criteria.

- The athlete must be a member of a PNSA Club or be registered with USSA and PNSA as an independent.

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- The athlete must hold a current USSA Competitor License and must be a member of PNSA by virtue of having registered with USSA as a member of PNSA and paid PNSA dues. Competitors who are registered as foreign competitors (X license) must have paid their PNSA dues directly to PNSA.
- Athletes must be J4 or older (11 or older on or before December 31, 2010). *Note: The test is not considered valid for persons younger than 10 years of age or older than 59 years of age.*
- Athletes who are not 18 years old on the date they take the test must have a signed permission slip from their parent(s) or legal guardian. If the athlete is a foreign national the age requirement will be the greater of that required by their nation of citizenship or 18.

Clubs who participate in this PNSA sponsored program agree that administration of the test to athletes or individuals who do not meet the criteria are in violation of this memorandum and will be subject to the following sanctions.

- The club will reimburse PNSA \$100.00 for each test administered to an athlete or individual who does not meet the criteria.
- Clubs who violate this agreement may be subject to other sanctions as imposed by PNSA disciplinary policy.
- The club's participation in the program may be terminated.

Clubs who participate also agree to maintain the highest standards of confidentiality and to meet all statutory patient privacy requirements.

(Club Name)

(Officer Signature)

(Date)

(Officer Name-Printed)

(Club-ImPACT Administrator)

(Phone number and email address for Club-ImPACT Administrator)

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