

## **Attachment K**

Survey Invitation Letters for Coaches, Athletes, and Parents

## Youth Soccer Concussion Study Invitation to Coaches

Dear :

You are invited to participate in an important study to help us better understand concussion in youth soccer. The purpose of this study is to understand the relationship between youth sports concussion policies, concussion education, and the incidence of youth athletes playing with concussion symptoms.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has contracted with a team of researchers led by CSR, Incorporated to conduct this study. Your participation is important to the success of this study.

We are asking you to complete an online survey that should take no more than 10 minutes of your time.

Your responses will be kept secure. Responses from the questionnaires will be submitted directly to the research team and will not be available to your coach, the CDC, or U.S. Youth Soccer. You will be provided with a unique study ID number to record your responses; your name and other information will be kept separate from the study data in a locked file that only can be accessed by the research team. The results of the study will be presented only in the form of a report on the overall group of volunteers that participate in the study.

The research team will be hosting an informational webinar to describe the study and answer any questions you may have. [Details TBA] You are not required to participate in the webinar in order to be a part of the study.

Your participation in the study is voluntary. You may refuse to answer any of the questions and can discontinue your participation at any time.

Your participation in this study is highly valued and will help improve understanding of concussion in youth sports in the United States. To volunteer or if you have questions about the study, please contact Robin LaVallee at [rlavallee@csrincorporated.com](mailto:rlavallee@csrincorporated.com). Thank you in advance for your consideration. .

Sincerely,

Robin LaVallee  
Research Associate  
CSR, Incorporated

## Youth Soccer Concussion Study Invitation Follow Up (Coaches)

Dear :

This is a reminder that you are invited to participate in an important study about concussions in youth soccer.

Our team of researchers at CSR, Incorporated has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and US Youth Soccer to investigate the relationship between state youth sports concussion laws, concussion education, and the incidence of youth athletes playing with concussion symptoms. Your participation is important to the success of this study.

We are asking you to complete an online survey that should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. This survey will ask about your coaching background and concussion knowledge.

To ensure anonymity, your responses will be submitted directly to the research team and will not be available to the CDC, or U.S. Youth Soccer. The researchers are the only individuals who will have access to your responses. You will use a study ID number to record your responses; your name and other information will be kept separate from the study data. The results of the study will be presented only in aggregate.

The research team will be hosting an informational webinar to describe the study and answer any questions you may have. [Details TBA] You are not required to participate in the webinar in order to be a part of the study.

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We would like to start surveying participants at the beginning of the fall season, so please let us know by [...] if you would like to participate in this important study.

If you have questions about the study, please contact Robin LaVallee at [rlavallee@csrincorporated.com](mailto:rlavallee@csrincorporated.com).

Your contribution is highly valued and I hope you will participate in this important research project. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your input.

Sincerely,

Robin LaVallee  
Research Associate  
CSR, Incorporated

## Youth Soccer Concussion Study Invitation to Athletes

Dear :

You are invited to participate in an important study to help us better understand concussions in youth soccer. The purpose of this study is to understand the relationship between youth sports concussion policies, concussion education, and the incidence of youth athletes playing with concussion symptoms. Your parents have been informed about this study and have given us your contact information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has contracted with a team of researchers led by CSR, Incorporated to conduct this study. Your participation is important to the success of this study.

The study will involve two phases. First, you will be asked to complete an online survey that should take no more than 10 minutes of your time.

The second phase of the study will require 10 brief weekly reports using an automated phone system. We will ask you to call a toll-free number once a week for 10 weeks to report the number of practices and games you participated in that week, along with any injuries you may have suffered. This report should take roughly 3 minutes each week. If you report symptoms of a concussion, the research team will call and interview you and your parent to get more information about the injury.

Your responses will be kept secure. Responses from the questionnaires will be submitted directly to the research team and will not be available to your coach, the CDC, or U.S. Youth Soccer. You will be given a unique study ID number to record your responses; your name and other information will be kept separate from the study data in a locked file that only can be accessed by the research team. The results of the study will be presented only in the form of a report on the overall group of volunteers who participate in the study.

The research team will be hosting an informational webinar to describe the study and answer any questions you may have. *[Details TBA]* You are not required to participate in the webinar in order to be a part of the study.

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## Youth Soccer Concussion Study Invitation Follow up (Athletes)

Dear :

This is a reminder that you and your parents are invited to participate in an important study about concussions in youth soccer.

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To ensure anonymity, your responses will be submitted directly to the research team and will not be available to your coach, the CDC, or U.S. Youth Soccer. The researchers are the only individuals who will have access to your responses. You will use a study ID number to record your responses; your name and other information will be kept separate from the study data. The results of the study will be presented only in aggregate. The research team will notify parents of any concussion symptoms reported by a child.

The research team will be hosting an informational webinar to describe the study and answer any questions you may have. *[Details TBA]* You are not required to participate in the webinar in order to be a part of the study.

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## Youth Soccer Concussion Study Invitation to Parents

Dear :

You and your child are invited to participate in an important study about concussions in youth soccer. The purpose of this study is to understand the relationship between youth sports concussion policies, concussion education, and the incidence of youth athletes playing with concussion symptoms.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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## Youth Soccer Concussion Study Invitation Follow up (Parents)

Dear [...],

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