

RSGSA EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide basic response guidelines for coaches/assistant coaches in situations of serious injury to a player, coach, or spectator during or in conjunction with an RSGSA soccer or related activity. This procedure does not apply to minor injuries such as cuts, scrapes, bumps, or other injuries where a player, coach, or spectator can continue participating once basic first aid has been administered.

All team rosters will include copies of the players Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver form. This form provides emergency contact information, identification of existing health issues of the participant, and consent for medical treatment by the parent/guardian in the event of an injury. These forms should be reviewed (know your kids) and kept in your equipment bag and brought to every practice, game, or RSGSA event.

Serious Injury parent/guardian or emergency contact present:

- Once a serious injury has been determined, immediately get the parent/guardian or emergency contact involved with the situation – they will be the responsible party-decision maker related to what actions are taken to care for and treat the injured player.
- **As approved by the parent/guardian or emergency contact,** provide basic first aid within your capabilities, utilize any trained medical or paramedic skills present at the site, or call 911 to seek ambulatory care. When in doubt, call 911.
- Once situation is stable, proceed to fill out an IYSA Incident Report. Do this as soon as possible so details and facts are not forgotten.
- Contact any RSGSA board member on the day of the incident and forward the incident report to that person.
- RSGSA Board will follow up with the parent and provide the necessary insurance claims information to the parent/guardian and communicate the incident to the IYSA.

Serious Injury parent/gaurdian or emergency contact not present:

- Once a serious injury has been determined, attempt to make immediate contact with the parent or emergency contact. If successful, follow the steps in the above section as if the parent/guardian or emergency contact was present.
- If no contact can be made, then the coach or assistant coach becomes the decision maker related to the care and treatment of the injured player.
- The coach or assistant coach should provide basic first aid within their capabilities, utilize any trained medical or paramedic skills present at the site, or call 911 to seek ambulatory care. When in doubt, call 911.
- The coach or assistant coach must stay with the injured player through whatever events occur until a parent/guardian or emergency contact is present – even a trip to the emergency room in the ambulance or a stay at the hospital.
- Once situation is stable, proceed to fill out an IYSA Incident Report. Do this as soon as possible so details and facts are not forgotten.
- Contact any RSGSA board member on the day of the incident and forward the incident report to that person.
- RSGSA Board will follow up with the parent and provide the necessary insurance claims information to the parent/guardian and communicate the incident to the IYSA.

Coaches – assistant coaches: There are typically many resources to help you in the event of an emergency situation amongst the spectators – utilize them to assist. Also, administer first aid only to the extent of your capability or to the extent of your training!