

Part 1 General Provisions

26-53-101 Title.

This chapter is known as the "Protection of Athletes With Head Injuries Act."

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26-53-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Agent" means a coach, teacher, employee, representative, or volunteer.
- (2)
 - (a) "Amateur sports organization" means, except as provided in Subsection (2)(b):
 - (i) a sports team;
 - (ii) a public or private school;
 - (iii) a public or private sports league;
 - (iv) a public or private sports camp; or
 - (v) any other public or private organization that organizes, manages, or sponsors a sporting event for its members, enrollees, or attendees.
 - (b) "Amateur sports organization" does not include a professional:
 - (i) team;
 - (ii) league; or
 - (iii) sporting event.
- (3) "Child" means an individual who is under the age of 18.
- (4) "Qualified health care provider" means a health care provider who:
 - (a) is licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions; and
 - (b) may evaluate and manage a concussion within the health care provider's scope of practice.
- (5)
 - (a) "Sporting event" means any of the following athletic activities that is organized, managed, or sponsored by an organization:
 - (i) a game;
 - (ii) a practice;
 - (iii) a sports camp;
 - (iv) a physical education class;
 - (v) a competition; or
 - (vi) a tryout.
 - (b) "Sporting event" does not include:
 - (i) the issuance of a lift ticket or pass by a ski resort, the use of the ticket or pass, or a ski or snowboarding class or school at a ski resort, unless the skiing or snowboarding is part of a camp, team, or competition that is organized, managed, or sponsored by the ski resort;
 - (ii) as applied to a government entity, merely making available a field, facility, or other location owned, leased, or controlled by the government entity to an amateur sports organization or a child, regardless of whether the government entity charges a fee for the use; or
 - (iii) free play or recess taking place during school hours.
- (6) "Traumatic head injury" means an injury to the head arising from blunt trauma, an acceleration force, or a deceleration force, with one of the following observed or self-reported conditions attributable to the injury:

- (a) transient confusion, disorientation, or impaired consciousness;
- (b) dysfunction of memory;
- (c) loss of consciousness; or
- (d) signs of other neurological or neuropsychological dysfunction, including:
 - (i) seizures;
 - (ii) irritability;
 - (iii) lethargy;
 - (iv) vomiting;
 - (v) headache;
 - (vi) dizziness; or
 - (vii) fatigue.

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