



# Concussion Chronicles

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*New year..... New opportunities!*



## Focus on: Player Safety and Health Information Management

In December 2017, the Pacific District launched a pilot program in the Nevada affiliate with **Players Health** (<https://playershealth.com/>). Player's Health is an interactive mobile platform designed for all designated administrators involved in the care and development of an athlete an opportunity to document and track the athlete's health – from ongoing conditions and challenges – to new injuries, rehabilitation, recovery and safe return to play. The program allows for real time, easy, HIPAA compliant communication between all designated parties regarding the health and wellbeing of an athlete. The platform spans all digital communication applications and can be accessed from any device.

This pilot program is particularly focused on the Pacific District's concussion protocol, and is testing the ease of use of a fully electronic, HIPAA compliant cloud-based protocol delivery and tracking system that also includes a communication piece for monitoring an athlete's safe return to participation when a concussion has been diagnosed. For the purpose of the pilot, parents/guardians create the athlete's profile in the system, and team managers enter any information related to an athlete who is removed for concussion evaluation and safe return to participation. All forms can be signed and uploaded through the highly secure application, eliminating the need for hard copy communication.

The Nevada affiliate's Vegas Jr. Golden Knights program, with a manageable membership at every age and skill level and the added benefit of a Certified Athletic Trainer on its Board, was a perfect base for testing this future opportunity to further improve the health and safety of our athletes.

Pacific District Player Safety sends a big **thank you** to the ownership and management of **Players Health**, who created a custom application at no charge that fully meets the needs of our sport and our expectations. In addition, we extend a **big welcome and a grateful thank you** to the **Vegas Jr. Golden Knights** for their important role in this work.

We look forward to sharing the results of the test pilot with the District membership in June.

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**The Concussion Champion Program.....**

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