

# YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES AT RISK

Concussion Lawsuits Reach Youth Sports



# IT HAS COME TO THIS

## **Concussions Lawsuits Only In The Pros...Right?**

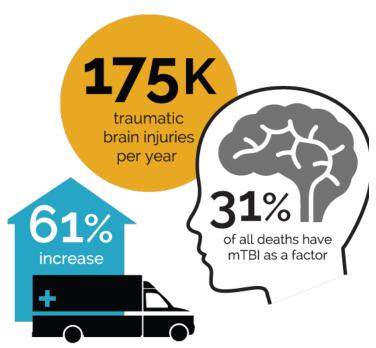
Unfortunately, concussion lawsuits, which have recently started appearing in our sports headlines, are no longer limited to professional athletes suing professional sports leagues.

## **Landmark Case Creates New Risk for Leagues**

In the past 24 months, we've seen significant and landmark lawsuits filed against youth sports leagues and state high school associations.

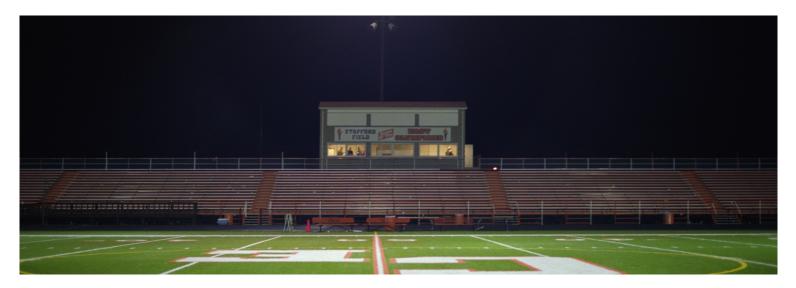
The most recent ruling with national implications was in California where a judge has ruled that a teenage football player who was paralyzed by an on-field hit could proceed to trial against the Pop Warner organization and the coaches he alleges encouraged him to tackle in a dangerous, head-first manner.

The decision represented a blow to Pop Warner, which had argued that the lawsuit should be dismissed because the mother of the player signed a pre-participation waiver. The judge **REJECTED THE DEFENSE**, writing that the waiver does not cover gross negligence.



in emergency room visits for sports-related TBIs in the last 10 years

### So what does this mean? Read on...



Pop Warner Lawsuit: http://espn.go.com/espn/otl/story/\_/id/14418624/judge-lets-paralyzed-player-donnovan-hill-claim-pop-warner-proceed Image: http://www.headcasecompany.com/concussion\_info/stats\_on\_concussions\_sports

## PROACTIVE APPROACH

### What Does The Lawsuit Tell Us?

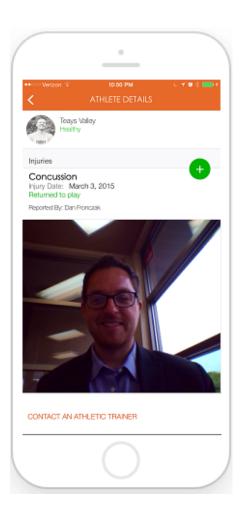
If your **LEAGUE AND VOLUNTEER COACHES** are going to be vulnerable to lawsuits, its imperative that you do as much as they can to support them with both training and medical care.

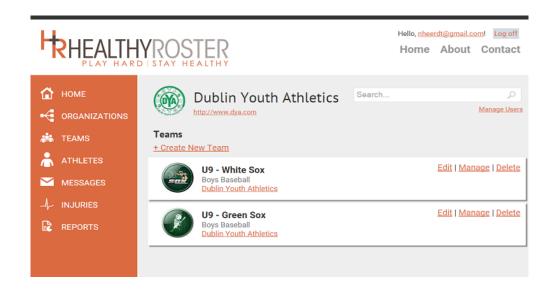
## **Provide Certified Athletic Trainers**

Healthy Roster helps you provide Certified Athletic Trainers for every practice, game and at home through its Virtual Athletic Trainer app and injury communication and tracking platform.

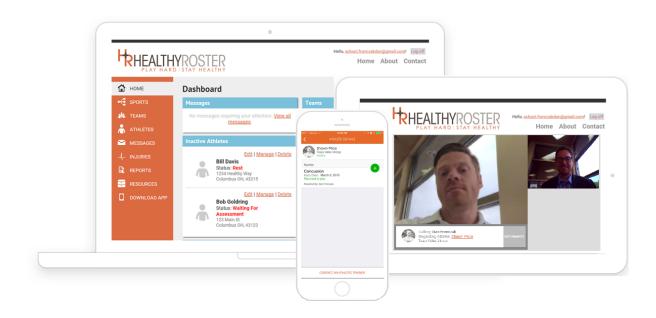
Coaches/parents can use the Virtual Athletic Trainer app for the following:

- Quickly connect with Certified Athletic Trainers on the field or at home in the evening.
- Certified Athletic Trainers can quickly help triage injuries and provide suggestions on how to handle the injury.
- Alerts are immediately sent to all the people connected to that student athlete - parent/coach/school nurse/etc.
- Provide your coaches and parents with a level of comfort, knowing they have access to certified athletic trainers at the touch of a button.
- HIPAA and COPPA Compliant





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