



## AIMS FAQ's

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### **1. What is the US Youth Soccer Athlete Incident Management System (AIMS)?**

AIMS, powered by InjureFree, is a mobile, real-time reporting tool streamlining the process and communication around Incident Management and Return-to-Play.

### **2. What benefits do US Youth Soccer Member Associations and Clubs receive?**

Every member club will receive access to AIMS at no cost, while also being able to promote that they are actively helping to provide tools and resources to improve the health and safety of their soccer players. Additionally, data analytics and insight into incident trends will be available. Lastly, the training/education portion of the platform is customizable for each Member State Association allowing for the distribution of custom content.

### **3. How do US Youth Soccer clubs sign up to participate in this opportunity?**

Interested clubs should follow this link and complete the brief questionnaire to enroll:

[https://fs30.formsite.com/Athlete Incident Management System/AIMSClubEnrollment/index.html](https://fs30.formsite.com/Athlete%20Incident%20Management%20System/AIMSClubEnrollment/index.html)

### **4. Will US Youth Soccer require all players/teams participating in Regional and National programming (e.g. ODP, NCS) to use AIMS?**

Yes. In an increased effort to ensure that all applicable risk management policies are followed and to ensure that US Youth Soccer is able to account for the health and safety of every participating player, all event athletic trainers will be required to utilize this tool beginning June 1, 2019.

### **5. How does AIMS enable real-time communication?**

Incident reports are saved to a private and secure cloud application, notifications are sent immediately, and authorized users have access within seconds.

### **6. How do clubs get set up on AIMS?**

The 3-step rollout process is 1) account setup, 2) communication, and 3) training. At each step, club and team staff are provided with just-in-time emails containing need-to-know instructions. The process is designed to distribute actions across Club Admins and Team Staff to ensure everyone is involved and any one person is not burdened with too much to do. A Club Administrator will be designated in your club's enrollment form. AIMS Support will initiate your club's account setup and provide your Admin with instructions to begin.

### **7. Who can enter an incident report?**

Only those designated as authorized club and team staff may submit reports. This includes club administrators, team coaches, player safety coordinators, and athletic trainers. Access is customizable by the administrator and staff/volunteers are invited as needed. Parents may not submit reports.

**8. I do not know how to diagnoses injuries. Should I enter anything?**

Yes, AIMS is not for diagnosis; it is for incident documentation. Describing the incident as best you can will satisfy documentation requirements, avoid missing or untimely reports, and improve transparency and visibility among authorized personnel. In fact, AIMS restricts the ability to classify an incident, or diagnosis, to Medical Staff users only (e.g. athletic trainers and team doctors).

**9. Is AIMS just for concussions?**

No. AIMS is used to document all injuries specified in your state association's Incident Management Policy. While concussions are very serious and justifiably receive a lot of, all reportable injuries need to be documented.

**10. Does AIMS document Return-to-Play clearance?**

Yes. All states require an athlete to be medically cleared by a healthcare professional after a concussion, and in some states, after suspected concussions, before returning to play a sport. RTP clearance is documented and time-stamped within the system.

**11. Does AIMS track state-mandated concussion education delivery for coaches, parents, and students?**

Yes. All states have laws regarding concussion education, documentation, and reporting. Some have laws requiring preseason concussion education, including for parents. The system documents training completion and scoring by delivering the CDC Head's Up education and SafeSport training courses. Customizable education courses and connecting with third party education sites is also available.

**12. How can AIMS be used as a loss control tool?**

If a child is seriously injured as a result of returning to activity before being properly cleared by a medical caregiver, litigation may follow. This is far less likely to happen with proper documentation and tracking. AIMS helps prevent bad outcomes through proper and transparent documentation. We cannot prevent the original incident, but there should be no further harm from returning to play before a full recovery. These incident claims can easily become more costly than a doctor visit.

**13. How can a team doctor provide Return-to-Play clearance?**

Team doctors are granted access to AIMS by club administrators, allowing them to document treatments and give Return-to-Play clearance. Additionally, state specific RTP forms may be created, emailed, and once signed by the doctor, uploaded into AIMS for review. AIMS may be adapted to fit your club's policy by allowing you to customize the list of people authorized to Clear RTP.

**14. Who owns the incident data?**

AIMS customers own their data. For more information, visit the [Terms of Use](#).

**15. How can incident data be used?**

Your AIMS incident data may be used to identify trends (e.g. rate of injury at a specific position and specific activity) as well as comparisons across teams, clubs, and state populations. This data can help to identify areas of improvement and allow some injuries to be prevented proactively while improving performance.

