

# Concussion Safety Rowan's Law Survey Participation Requested

Dear Ringette Community,

Rowan Stringer was an athlete who died because of a head injury while playing rugby with her school team. She had suffered two injuries in the previous week, likely a concussion each time that went unnoticed, prior to playing her final game.

As a result of this tragedy, countless hours of research, interviews and consultations have culminated in the passing of Rowan's Law this past March. This law is designed to help prevent, detect, mitigate and create awareness of head injuries in sport.

Now that Rowan's Law has passed, it is time to determine the best way to implement Rowan's Law. The Ontario Government has asked us to convey the following message:

*Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018, received Royal Assent on March 7, 2018. The Law is intended to transform the manner in which concussions are managed in amateur competitive sport in Ontario. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has posted a survey on the Ontario Regulatory Registry, to seek feedback that will inform development of future regulations. The survey will be posted until May 7, 2018. If you are an athlete, parent of an athlete, coach or official, or just interested in the issue of concussion awareness and management in sport, you are encouraged to provide your input on the questions listed in the following link:*  
<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=27186&language=en>

*In addition, if you are a "youth athlete", we also encourage you to answer a few youth-specific questions about concussions in amateur competitive sport through the government's youth-focussed website, YouthVoice at*  
<http://youthvoiceontario.ca/#current-discussion>

**THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please take a few minutes to review the documentation and complete the survey.

Survey [is here](#) (browser format) or [here](#) (PDF format).  
Report of the Rowan's Law Advisory Committee [is here](#).  
Bill 193 – Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018 ([The Act itself](#))

We also encourage you to support your young athlete(s) to join the discussion. They can provide their thoughts and comments about concussions in sport by sharing their views at a youth-oriented site [here](#).

Please don't put this off to another day. The deadline is May 7, 2018.

Together, we can help to ensure all athletes, regardless of age, enjoy sport in a safe and healthy way.