

All **NEW\*** Willoughby Baseball Umpires in 2017 are REQUIRED to take the following online course found at <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>. The course takes about 15 minutes to complete.

**\*the course certifies you for three (3) years so if you umpired in the last 2 years, you do NOT need to take the course again this year.**

Follow these steps to complete the free course:

1. Click on the button that says, please login to order. In the window that appears, click Register Now.
2. When your registration is complete you may "order" the free concussion course offered along the left hand side of the page. Continue following prompts. NOTE: Although it may look like you'll be charged for the course, there is no cost.
1. Once you've completed "checkout," you'll be able to take the free online course.
2. When you've completed and passed the course, you have the option of printing a certificate of completion. If you miss the opportunity to print the certificate, don't worry you can click on "myhomepage/courses" where you can view and print your certificate.

**Why do I need to take this free course?**

As of April 26th, 2013, Ohio's return-to-play law (ORC 3707.511) requires the following for youth sports organizations:

Prohibits an individual from acting as a coach or referee for a youth sports organization without successfully completing a free online training program every three years in recognizing the symptoms of concussions.

**You must print out the certificate and provide it to Mitch Bartholomai, Umpire-In-Chief, before you will be allowed to umpire any game.**