

The United States Soccer Federation announced today a ban on heading the ball for players 10 and under and limiting heading in practice for children between the ages of 11 and 13. The complete details of the initiative along with a more comprehensive player safety campaign will be announced by U.S. Soccer in the next 30 days.

I recommend that starting today each coach with players who are age 10 and younger discontinue all heading in both practice and games. I ask that we put this on next month's agenda and recommend that we modify our rules of play to include the age 10 and under ban as soon as possible. Please note, most current U11 players fall under the age 10 and under ban.

*Best regards,
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