

## As If There Weren't Enough Problems For USM Football

A recent *Frontline* report may cause you to rethink letting your children play football, or if you're playing for one of the worst teams in the NCAA, you may want to consider whether it's worth the risk:

The response to [League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis](#) has been remarkable. We're hearing from NFL players — [past](#) and [present](#), football fans across the country, [journalists who cover the sport](#), and from parents concerned about their [kids' safety playing the game](#).

The show has sparked a national conversation about the future of the sport. We'd love to hear what you think on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and in the comments below. One theme is clear — this film changed the way many of you feel about football. [Here's how](#):

"League of Denial" changed my view on the safety of the sport for kids:

**Gandhi Harb** This will be my 11 year-old's last season. Might even pull him out.  
October 9 at 3:44pm

**Tariq Bashir** My wife & I decided to pull out our 11 year old from football forever. Thank you so much for this eye-opening ending documentary  
October 9 at 3:44pm

**Pete Pazmino** I think the show, or sections of it, should be required viewing for anybody who's considering allowing their child to play full-contact ball. Very well done.  
October 9 at 3:50pm

Why are parents responding like this? Concussions are more dangerous and more prevalent than previously thought. You should see *Frontline's* "League of Denial."

If that wasn't enough football problems, "New [Documentary Film Explores Inequities in College Sports](#)":

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By Brad Wolverton

Washington — Of all the perceived injustices described in the new documentary film *Schooled: The Price of College Sports*—and there are many—those involving the academic shortcomings of major-college athletics programs will probably not get the most attention. [Because academics are secondary to football, many schools lie with statistics by claiming high graduation rates for their football players even though far too many of them can barely read or write.]

The film's central message is that players deserve more due-process protections, better representation, and a cut of the NCAA's vast revenue.

For money-challenged schools like USM, paying football players makes its situation more financially ridiculous than it is now.

Keep in mind, we're assuming that USM will not make any more boneheaded decisions like firing the coach and having to pay him hundreds of thousands in salary for years to come. Such assumption for USM is totally unrealistic.