

User Study of a Football Play Diagramming Tool: Consent Form

Study Goals: This research is being conducted to explore the usefulness, ease of learning and use, and satisfaction experiences by coaches and players interacting with iCoach, a digital play diagramming tool. iCoach is an extension of a physical playbook, and is designed to create an enhanced environment for players and coaches to interact when sharing and learning football plays. We will use the results of this study to refine iCoach. **Note:** We are interested in how well the system performs, not how well any individual is able to use it.

Procedures: You will begin by filling out a brief background survey. Then, after reading some brief instructions you will work through several tasks designed to introduce you to features of iCoach. These instructions will be deliberately brief, in order to see how well the system can support use on its own. After the task you will fill out a user reaction survey, and then will be given the opportunity to ask any questions you have about the system's goals, procedures, or outcomes.

Through your interaction with iCoach we will be collecting several sorts of information: we will be recording what happens on each screen of iCoach. One or more evaluators will be taking notes, measuring task start and stop times, and reaction to the system as you work.

Participant consent: Your participation in this experiment is entirely voluntary; there will be no remuneration for the time you spend evaluating it. All data gathered from the usability study will be treated in a confidential fashion: it will be archived in a secure location and will be interpreted only for purposes of this evaluation. When your data is reported or described, all identifying information will be removed. There are no known risks to participation in this experiment and you may withdraw at an point. Please feel free to ask the evaluators if you have any other questions; otherwise, if you are willing to participate, please sign and date this form.

Name

Date

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