

MSYSA SafeSport



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MSYSA believes that **nothing is more important than the safety of our children.** We greatly appreciate the roles that administrators, coaches, referees, and volunteers play in offering youth athletes from all backgrounds the opportunity to play soccer. An integral part of these roles is taking steps to ensure the safety of the participants. **Collectively, we are responsible for providing a playing environment that is healthy, non-threatening, and free from emotional, physical or sexual abuse.**

The U.S. Center for SafeSport

Independent nonprofit committed to building a sport community where participants can work and learn together free of emotional, physical and sexual abuse and misconduct. Explore their site for training resources, help and best practices for coaches, parents, athletes, youth and amateur sports organizations in creating your SafeSport environment. uscenterforsafesport.org

MSYSA has implemented standards as part of risk management requirements for a Player Safety Program that includes;

- Policies & Procedures
- Comprehensive background screenings
- Education & training
- Mandatory Reporting
- Monitoring & Enforcement
- Abuse Prevention (SafeSport Awareness & Training)
- Background Screening
- Head and Brain Conditions (Concussion Education & Training)
- Concussion Policy (Includes Return to Play Protocols)
- US Soccer's Recognize to Recover Program
- Goal Safety
- Required Policies (Inc. Athlete & Participant Safety Policy)



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