



Massachusetts State Soccer Association

A proud member of the United States Adult Soccer Association

SafeSport MAAPP and Reporting Requirements

U.S. Soccer's 2022 MAAPP policy, approved by the Center for SafeSport, is contained in the Safe Soccer Framework and can be found online here: www.safesoccer.com. U.S. Soccer's Policy 212-3, which establishes prohibited conduct policy and MAAPP requirements for amateur organization members, is on pp. 46-49 of the Safe Soccer Framework.

Reporting

Any allegation of child abuse must be reported to the Center for SafeSport, local law enforcement, and/or child and family services, depending upon your state. Any allegation of sexual misconduct, regardless of the age of the parties involved, must also be reported to the Center. Reports can be made to the Center for SafeSport at 833-587-7233 or online here: <https://safesport.i-sight.com/portal>.

Policy 212-3 requires all amateur organizations to have procedures for reporting violations of their prohibited conduct policies, including emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, or violations of the MAAPP.

Allegations of misconduct, including violations of the MAAPP, may also be reported to U.S. Soccer at 312-528-7004, or online here: <https://ussoccer.i-sight.com/portal>. Additional information about how and where to report a concern can be found on www.safesoccer.com.

Background Screening Requirements

Screening Test 1: The adult's name must be checked against the sex offender registry in the relevant state, if such exists.

Screening Test 2: The adult's name must be checked against the U.S. Soccer disqualification list at: <https://ussoccer.box.com/s/whfzcaetbyoho4tvhenr8pohldvu1op8>

The password for access is: V4@#s{h9nCr

Screening Test 3: The adult's name must be checked against the SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database available at:

<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/response-and-resolution/centralized-disciplinary-database/>

It shall be deemed a failure if the adult player or staff member is listed in the corresponding database or if the adult refuses to comply with the screening requirements.

An adult who fails Screening Test 1 and/or 2 may not participate in any way on a team with one or more U18 players.

An adult who fails Screening Test 3 and is listed by the Center for Safe Sport as ineligible or suspended must be removed from the team and may not participate on the team, in the league, State Association or the USASA in any way.

SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MASS SOCCER AFFILIATED TEAMS

This policy applies to affiliated teams that register one or more players who are under 18 (“U18”).

According to the SafeSport Act, persons who are 18 or older (“adults”) who have close and continuing contact with persons who are U18 must take the following actions:

- 1) One-on-one interactions between an adult and a U18 player on the team must be limited in accordance with the SafeSport Code (<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/response-and-resolution/safesport-code/>)
- 2) The adult players and staff on a team with one or more U18 players must maintain a current annual certificate of SafeSport Training.
- 3) Background screening of each of the adult players and adult team staff members on such teams must be done once every three years.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As a league affiliated within Mass Soccer and the United States Adult Soccer Association that allows the registration of U18 players, we do hereby agree to the following actions in support of this policy:

- 1) Perform background screening and maintain a record of the results for adults registered with teams having one or more U18 player(s);
- 2) Collect and maintain a file of applicable certificates of SafeSport training for these adults; and
- 3) Report to Mass Soccer the names of any person who does not pass any Screening Test.

Background screening adjudication decisions may be appealed in accordance with USASA and US Soccer Bylaws and policies.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS POLICY. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MY LEAGUE SHALL ADHERE TO THIS POLICY AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO ASSURE ITS COMPLIANCE.

League President or Director (print) _____

(signed) _____

Date _____