

## New 2020-2021 Griffon SafeSport Policy

Griffon Families,

In the interest of ongoing transparency, we want to share the SJYHA's new policy on SafeSport. We are going to require at least one parent/guardian from every Griffon family to take the SafeSport training and obtain a completion certificate. Until this has been done and completion certificates turned into a Board member, your player(s) **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** on SJYHA sanctioned ice or have SJYHA sanctioned locker room privileges. This is going to be required of all families regardless of player(s) age(s) and house league level.

We do not want to create another 'hoop' to jump through, but want to create the safest environment we can for your player(s). A lot of you have already done the core Safesport training (Great job!), and may only be required to complete a short module, others will have to take the entire SafeSport core online class if this has not been done in the past.

As with all new policies and their implementation there will be a learning curve for us all, be patient as we work to keep your player(s) safe. Right, now we are planning on checking your player(s) off a list once a parent/guardian gets their completion certificate into a board member. Our first SJYHA sanctioned practice is September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you expect your child to take part in the first team practices please make sure to get your SafeSport completion certificate turned into a Board member well before September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We know that we have given your family a lot of information in a short period of time but understand that to better serve our families we are taking steps to practice complete transparency. To find the links for SafeSport training please visit the KCYHA homepage or use the guides below.

### Steps to SafeSport Completion:

- 1) Renew your annual membership to USA Hockey for the upcoming season. Register yourself as a volunteer with KC Youth Hockey. Click [HERE](#) to proceed to KCYHA registration. Please visit the USA Hockey website to register as a player, coach or volunteer at <https://membership.usahockey.com/> **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please click that you play in the state of Kansas, Midwest Amateur Hockey Association (not Missouri Hockey) even if you live in the state of Missouri.
- 2) Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport Training (required every year, cannot be added to a roster or participate in any activities till complete). <https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>
- 3) Complete Background Screen if needed. Background screen is good for two years. We will let you know if you need to be screened or not. **Please wait for a communication from us before you complete the background screen, otherwise you may incur a \$30 fee.**
- 4) Turn in SafeSport completion certificate to a Board member. Feel free to send us a picture of it via text, email, GroupMe DM, Facebook Messenger, or just a paper copy when you see us!