



TO: MWAHA Association Presidents

FROM: Shawn Spencer

RE: SafeSport/Screening

As the 2022-2023 hockey season gets started, associations are feverishly working to establish the broad volunteer network required to support youth hockey teams. Questions regarding background screenings and SafeSport certification are typically the single most common questions that come our way. I wanted to provide some reminders in plain language for you to pass along to administrators, coaches and volunteers as needed.

Any adult that will be working directly with youth participants in any manner are required to be screened and certified. The determining factor is whether the interaction is "observable and interruptible." I understand this terminology can be confusing given some positions requiring screening seem to be observable. However, it includes, but is not limited to locker room monitors, team managers, team treasurers, scorekeepers, chaperones, and medical personnel, including those that volunteer to assist with concussion testing. Association rules may include penalty box as well. Dry land training/off ice training also requires the screening and certification even if the trainer is certified by an accredited association such as ACE. A multitude of fields have mandatory reporting responsibility but this does not circumvent their need to be fully certified and screened.

Questions may be directed to Doug Dorley, the USAH MidWest Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator. As a reminder, each association is required to have a SafeSport Coordinator who should handle the day-to-day questions and issues that arise. However, I understand there may be complexities which require additional guidance from the Affiliate and we are happy to assist as needed. Below is the contact information for Doug Dorley.

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Thank you for all you do and I wish you a successful hockey season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Spencer".

President, MWAHA