

Dear Club Administrator and Sports Connect User,

With the 2021-2022 season on the horizon, we wanted to reach out in an effort to provide some key points in regard to setting up your registration program and advising your members on how to ensure proper registration. As you know, Massachusetts Youth Soccer has an integrated component when it comes to player and adult registrations through Sports Connect. To ensure this integration functions properly, here are some steps that need to be taken.

1. When creating your new registration program, please ensure that all National, Organization/State, Club, Program, Season, and Play Level selections are made.

Mass Youth Soccer has updated their players age group naming convention to fall in line with the U.S. Youth Soccer guidelines. The "U" is now after the player's age, example 6U stands for age 6 and under. Mass Youth Soccer has also updated their Play Levels - Click [HERE](#) to review this information on the Mass Youth Soccer website prior to setting up your new season.

If using the *Copy* feature offered within the Sports Connect platform, please note that you may need to re-select the Organization/State designation, so the other dropdowns populate properly. These proper selections within step 1 of your program creation are the most important as they ensure that all state required questions and ELAs are presented to your players and volunteers during registration, while also ensuring that the data for players and volunteers can flow to Mass Youth Soccer through the integration process.

2. Please note that all age divisions will prepopulate for you based upon the Mass Youth Soccer parameters when creating your program for the new season. If you customized (combine age groups) and renamed your age divisions last season, you will need to do so again to ensure you are compliant with the Mass Youth Soccer age parameters for this coming season.
3. When discussing registration with your club's coaches/volunteers, please ensure that they register using the same DOB, first and last name that they have used in the past when registering through the Mass Youth Soccer site. The use of different names when registering within a Sports Connect site (*Mike instead of Michael, Dave instead of David*) will cause a failure to sync the records between your local club's site and the Mass Youth Soccer adult registration database. Therefore, *causing duplicate records* that will not be consistent season over season.

Should you have any questions regarding the Sports Connect club level platform, please feel free to visit the [Help Center via this link](#). Should you have any questions regarding the Association Connect state level platform, please feel free to visit the [Support Center via this link](#). Also, feel free to attend any of the free online webinar training that is offered by [signing up here](#). If you are not yet using the Sports Connect platform, but are interested in getting started, please check out the [getting started site here](#).