

## Fall 2022 Season Startup - Registration and Adult Risk Management Reminders and Updates

Dear Administrators,

Mass Youth Soccer has opened adult registrations for the Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 soccer year.

### **As a reminder**

All adult participants of Mass Youth Soccer and of our member organizations, are required to register directly with Mass Youth Soccer online via the U. S. Soccer Connect registration platform annually.

Prior to the start of a new registration year, Mass Youth Soccer removes verification and deletes all certificates that do not meet policy guidelines for approval in the new registration year; *this is based on an upload date*, not a certificate completion date.

- SafeSport Abuse Prevention training is a yearly requirement. Certificates of completion for this requirement that were uploaded prior to 1/1/2022 were deleted from the adult's account and must be completed for this new registration year.
- Concussion Awareness training is a bi-annual requirement. All certificates of completion for this requirement that were uploaded prior to 6/1/2021 were deleted from the adult's account and must be completed for this new registration year.
  - For additional policy information regarding training requirements, please review number 5 and 6 on the [Risk Manager Responsibilities and Guidelines](#) document.

### **NEW: Important Information**

- To reduce the burden of our town/club/league administrators, Mass Youth Soccer has partnered with Players Health for reporting suspected child abuse and violations of prohibited conduct. The [Mass Youth Soccer Mandatory Reporting](#) web page has been updated to show this new partnership and should be reviewed by all.
- To provide administrators with all the information and tools needed to manage the new SafeSport Adult Athlete requirement (players 18 and older playing on a team with minor athletes), Mass Youth Soccer has added the [Adult Athlete SafeSport Information](#) web page to our website.
  - Both web pages noted above are found under the SAFE SOCCER tab on the mayouthsoccer.org website.
- New, independent contractors and third-party providers are now required to register with Mass Youth and must have their own liability insurance coverage.

- We have a new modification in U.S. Soccer Connect that pertains to the printing of the Mass Youth Soccer adult credential. Administrators with user permissions in U.S. Soccer Connect can check the Use Preferred Name box in an adult participants registration account which will allow the administrator to print the adult's credential using the adults preferred name. This allows Mass Youth to process background checks using the adult's legal name while also being sensitive regarding their chosen/preferred name for their adult credential.
- Stack Sports released a single sign on function that allows adults to register/login to all Stack Sports related products using their email address. *Your adult members should choose the account that has the username associated with their adult registration history.*

### **In addition**

- When uploading player registration data into U.S. Soccer Connect, please double check you are uploading it into the correct registration year.
- If any of your adult members have duplicate accounts in the U.S. Soccer Connect platform and need them merged, *or if they have any issues when registering, please ask them to contact the U.S. Soccer Connect Help Center at 855-703-2558* or submit a ticket through their online help center. If U.S. Soccer Connect does not resolve the issue, please let us know as we would be happy to help.
- Mass Youth Soccer has updated most web pages with new information, help guides, and email templates. For the latest information regarding registration and adult risk management, please visit:
  - [Organization Registration](#)
  - [Adult Registration](#)
  - [Risk Manager Information](#)
  - [Adult Credentials](#)
  - [Mandatory Reporting](#)
  - [Safe Soccer – Required Policies](#)
  - [Adult Athlete SafeSport Information](#)

Thank you all for your arduous work and dedication to maintaining programs and providing the safest environment possible for the children of Massachusetts. We are grateful to be a part of your team!