Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Season Startup - Registration and Adult Risk Management Reminders and Updates

Dear Administrators,

Mass Youth Soccer has opened adult registrations for the Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 soccer year.

**Adult Registration**

All adult participants of Mass Youth Soccer and of our member organizations are required to annually register directly with Mass Youth Soccer online via the Sports Connect registration platform via the link found on the Mass Youth Soccer website under the Administration tab on the Adult Registration Process webpage. For a list of who must register with Mass Youth Soccer and what adult risk management requirements they must meet prior to participation, click [HERE](#).

- **Sports Connect – Adult Registration Support**
  - For all Adult Registration issues including duplicate accounts in the Sports Connect that need to be merged, you or your adult participant must contact the Sports Connect Support Team at 855-703-2558 or submit a ticket through their online help center.
  - For name, date of birth, and social security number updates, please contact CORI@mayouthsoccer.org

**Adult Registration Risk Management Information**

Prior to the start of a new registration year, Mass Youth Soccer removes verification and deletes all training 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. Training must be taken as of 1/1/2023 or later to be approved for this new registration year.
- Concussion Awareness training, CDC or U.S. Soccer’s Safe Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments course, is a bi-annual requirement. Training must be taken as of 6/1/2022 or later to be approved for this new registration year.
  - For additional policy information regarding training requirements, please review number’s 5 and 6 on the Risk Manager Responsibilities and Guidelines document.
- Please remind parents that SafeSport training is available to them and with parental/guardian consent, to their minor athlete for free; click [HERE](#) for training information.
- Reporting child abuse and misconduct are now on two separate webpages. On the Mass Youth Soccer website under the SAFE SOCCER tab, when you click on Report Abuse you
will be brought to a reporting landing page which provides more detailed information regarding the two different reporting processes.
  ○ These webpages MUST be reviewed seasonally by all administrators.

NEW: Registration Waiver Information

● Mass Youth Soccer has updated both the Player and Adult Registration waivers in Sports Connect to include the wording “I have read, fully understand and agree to adhere to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Codes of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy.”
  ○ All Sports Connect club users that properly integrated their programs with Mass Youth Soccer, will see these waivers flow down into their online registrations automatically.
  ○ NOTE: All Mass Youth Soccer member organizations are required to use the new adult and player registration waivers at the local level and adopt the Codes of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy.

● Additional waiver language was also added to the Mass Youth Adult/CORI Registration; it reads: Per U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and U.S. Soccer Policy any adult registering with Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association that has a charge or offense listed on their background check(s) which may have underlying implications of, or includes sexual misconduct of any kind, or child abuse (conviction or non-conviction, or pending) will have their background check information sent to The U.S. Center for SafeSport.

Player Registration Information

● The Town Travel (Grade-Based) age group's play level code has been changed to TG (previously TT). The TG play level code must be used for Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Town Travel player registration data uploads.

● Gender X is available when uploading player registration data: Gender "X" - means a gender that is not exclusively male or female, including, but not limited to, intersex, agender, amalgagender, androgynous, bigender, demigender, female-to-male, genderfluid, genderqueer, male-to-female, neutrois, nonbinary, pangender, third sex, transgender, transsexual, Two Spirit and unspecified.
  ○ This option is also available for adult registrations.

This department has updated most web pages, help guides, and email templates with the latest information for the 2023-24 registration year. Please make sure to visit the web pages linked below:

  ○ Organization Registration
  ○ Adult Registration
  ○ Risk Manager Information
  ○ Adult Credentials
  ○ Reporting Child Abuse or Misconduct
  ○ 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!