



Mass Youth Soccer's MA Safe Soccer Platform

UPDATE
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Dear Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Towns, Clubs & Leagues,

As our previous communications have described there is a fair amount of changes coming our way this summer. This announcement will provide an update on the status of the various moving parts.

1. **US Soccer Connect from Stack Sports** as our new Membership Management Service (MMS) to help member organizations ensure all participating adults meet new requirements for background checks and abuse prevention training.
2. **Training on how to use US Soccer Connect**, will commence later this month with the first Webinar and availability of a help site.
3. **MA Safe Soccer**, a single resource web site section where all adults, players, and parents involved with Mass Youth Soccer can access the tools and resources necessary to support our players health, wellness and safety.

Please read on for more details...

US Soccer Connect from Stack Sports

US Soccer Connect from Stack Sports is our new Membership Management Service (MMS). Our member organizations will use this system to manage the required adult registration/background check process and Concussion and Abuse Prevention training, as well as mandatory player data uploads to the state, US Soccer and FIFA. This state-of-the-art system will make the administration of these new requirements as easy as possible.

UPDATE: Our target month for the official launch is still June. We were hoping for a mid-June date, but due to the complex custom programming requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts CORI process we have found the need to conduct more testing than originally planned. We will be housing a large amount of training information on our web site which is also being dramatically updated. In addition, due to delays from our web site provider we will have to push back the overall launch. Our plans, as of today, are to conduct the official launch the week of June 24th. Some very detailed information will be sent out to all member organizations leaders as well as our over 26,000 registered adults just before the launch.

As a reminder, our version of the US Soccer Connect system will:

- Be customized to efficiently handle Massachusetts' unique CORI processing requirements.
- Provide a single-entry form to meet our needs of collecting the correct data needed for conducting the Massachusetts CORI and SORI checks, as well as National Criminal and NSOR checks.

- Provide Massachusetts-specific functionality necessary to assist Registrars and CORI Submitter/Risk Manager with their roles, including the creation and printing of credentials.
- Coordinate with the US Center for SafeSport to provide a direct data share feed (API) into each adult's account when taking the Abuse Prevention training initial and refresher courses. (An upload for a pdf certificate will also be available.)
- Make available an upload for a pdf certificate from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for those who have taken their HEADS-UP Concussion in Youth Sports course.

Every member organization will have their own US Soccer Connect registration site. It is imperative that all leagues/towns/clubs complete the initial Master Service Agreement process, designate a key person as their point of contact for Stack Sports and complete their personal onboarding training. If none of the leaders in your organization have connected with a representative from Stack Sports, please contact Mary Relic at mrelic@mayouthsoccer.org.

Training on how use US Soccer Connect

Training for league/town/club administrators who will have access to the administrative side of US Soccer Connect will include phone consultations during onboarding, webinars (live and recorded), job aids, videos and workshops. The administrators whom we will provide initial access to are Registrars, Risk Managers (formerly CORI Submitters) or Presidents. Once one of these individuals have been set up as the primary user, they will be able to provide access to the others.

Webinars to Start: The webinar series is meant to be for the administrators of towns/clubs that have signed an MSA with Stack Sports and completed their on-boarding session with a Stack Sports representative. There are two dates: 6/26/19 @ 7PM & 7/11/19 @ 8PM. Webinars will run 30-45 mins. To sign up for one of these webinars [CLICK HERE](#).

MA Safe Soccer

As noted above our Mass Youth Soccer website is converting to a totally new look and feel. Due to the unanticipated delays from our web site provider, the newly designed website is scheduled for release the last week of June. A key part of that site will be our new MA Safe Soccer section dedicated to ensuring the safety of our participants. This will be the hub for all things related to the health and wellness of our players.

Thank you for your support and commitment to keeping our kids safe.