



June 19, 2020

To: Presidents, Risk Managers (Previously CORI Submitters) and Registrars

From: Mary Relic, CORI/Risk Administrator

I hope this update finds you, your family and all of those in our soccer community in good health. We share our hope and concern that all families are getting through these unsure and unsettling times unscathed.

The purpose of this annual start-up memo is to bring you up to date with the Adult Registration and Credential process for the coming Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 soccer registration year and how data migration will play a part in how adults complete the registration process. In addition, providing you some information on player data registration and training opportunities that will be available.

IMPORTANT: Registration Data Migration

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 adult registration data has been migrated into the new U.S. Soccer Connect system and placed into that registration year. Please click on the following link to review this document and better understand who will register to your organization as a "New User" or a "Returning User". [Migration Information](#)

Adult Registrations for the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 soccer registration year will take place on the NEW U.S. Soccer Connect registration system (old Affinity system with modifications) and it is now open. Click on this link for the [Adult Registration](#) web page.

All Mass Youth Soccer adult members are required to complete an annual Adult Registration directly with Mass Youth Soccer. Adult Registrations are completed through a single link/portal. The Adult will register online with Mass Youth Soccer, this will connect them to your organization and they will complete the CORI and National Background Check requests simultaneously; if the adult has a valid Risk Status and Risk Expire date in the new U.S. Soccer Connect registration system, then they will **not** be presented with the National Background Check request button when registering.

- a. Risk Management Requirements - The requirements have not changed and are listed on the [Risk Manager Information web page](#), but there were *several policy and procedure changes as noted below*.
- b. All Mass Youth Soccer MA SAFE SOCCER policies must be reviewed with registered participating adults.

- a. **IMPORTANT:** Due to COVID-19 we have a new policy. Please review the Mass Youth Soccer "[Return to Soccer Activities](#)" webpage; on that webpage you will find the "Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines" document.
- b. Tamie Endow is the contact person for this new policy and can be reached at tendow@mayouthsoccer.org
- c. A passport quality photo of just the adult, **must** be uploaded into the adult's registration account, and **reviewed** by an Administrator.
 - a. ***The NEW U.S. Soccer Connect system does not have an Approve function for the photo.***
- d. CORI and National Background Checks (NBGC) must show as Approved, Conditional, or Under 18 Approved. The NBGC includes both State and National Sex Offender Registry searches.
 - a. *There is only one Risk Status and Expire date in the registration system that represents the review of both the CORI and NBGC.*
 - b. The Risk Statuses of Approved and Conditional will now have a fixed expiration date. This will provide the Approved status adult with 3 to 3 ½ years of clearance and Conditional status, one to two years of clearance. All expiration dates will show either August 15, or August 1st as to not expire during the customary soccer league fall/spring season year; the only exception to this is the Under 18 Approved Risk Status, this status expires on the registrant's 18th birthday.

More information can be found on the Mass Youth Soccer website under the ADMINISTRATION tab on the [Risk Manager Information web page](#).

Even though most background checks are good for 3 years, ***the Mass Youth Soccer Adult Registration is an annual requirement.***

All registered, affiliated adults are required to have a current Mass Youth Soccer Adult Credential with them at practices and games. The Mass Youth Soccer Adult Credential will not be available for printing until all Risk Management requirements are met; these requirements are listed on the Risk Manager Information, Adult Registration and Adult Credentials web pages.

Player Upload Registration Data: We will place the new Player Upload Template on our website. It is important to note that when submitting an upload at least **one parent email address is required**. U.S. Soccer Federation questions have been added, but are not required (Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship and Played Abroad). We will have an upload help guide provided by U.S. Soccer Connect and a Mass Youth Soccer informational help guide posted on the Mass Youth Soccer Organization Registration webpage; *it is highly advisable that you read both help guides*. In addition, registration deadline dates are posted on this webpage.

Webinars: U.S. Soccer Connect and Mass Youth Soccer will be hosting several webinars.

- a. Adult Registration and Player Registration Data Uploads
 - a. June 23, 2020 at 7:30 PM EST
 - b. June 30, 2020 at 7:30 PM EST
- b. Please click [here](#) to register for a webinar.

Please review the web pages listed below as they contain more in-depth information. And as always, all memos sent from this office will be posted on the Risk Manager Information web page located on the Mass Youth Soccer website, under the “ADMINISTRATION” tab.

Organization Registration – Fall 2020

<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/registration-fall-2020/>

Adult Registration

<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/adult-registration-process/>

Risk Manager Information –

<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/risk-manager-information/>

CORI Policies and Procedures –

<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/cori-policies-and-procedures/>

Adult Credentials –

<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/adult-credentials/>

For Adult Registration and Risk Management questions, contact Mary Relic at **mrelic@mayouthsoccer.org** .

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Thank you all for your continuing efforts to keep our children safe!

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