



MASSACHUSETTS
YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



SafeSport and U.S. Soccer Requirements/Updates Effective January 1, 2022

Dear Member Organization Leaders,

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well as we head into the holidays! Thank you for all your efforts to keep children safe in all soccer environments during 2021.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport has updated their *required* Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP); thus, U.S. Soccer and Mass Youth Soccer must do the same. Additionally, the Center has transitioned to a new training platform.

SafeSport Policy and Training Updates

We have updated and posted to the Mass Youth Soccer website the revised [MA Safe Soccer Athlete and Participant Safety Policy](#) based on the mandatory updates starting January 1, 2022.

- Reading and reviewing the updated MA Safe Soccer Athlete and Participant Safety policy is required of all adult participants and will help all involved in youth sports understand their requirements under the SafeSport law and the U.S. Center for Safe Sport, U.S. Soccer, and Mass Youth Soccer policies.
- Member organizations must adopt all policies.

NEW U.S. Center for SafeSport Training Link and Enrollment Key: The link to enter the SafeSport training site has an enrollment key built in and is found in your Mass Youth Soccer Adult Registration account in U.S. Soccer Connect under your “Certificates” tab. *Note the enrollment key must not be posted on any public platform; it is for U.S. Soccer Federation Participants only.*

[How To Register on New Training Site](#)

If you have **previously taken** any SafeSport training, log into your Mass Youth Soccer Adult Registration account as stated above, click on the Enrollment Key, and then on the Login button on the top of the landing page to log into your SafeSport account. After you log into your account the enrollment key will popup, click on enroll, then my courses next, click on the catalog button to show all available courses.

For a **new account**, click on the enrollment key found in your Mass Youth Soccer adult registration account as noted above, complete the popup sign up form, agree to terms and conditions, click on My Courses, or Catalog to see all available courses. You will take the SafeSport Trained 90-minute course.

- Click [HERE](#) for more Login Instructions.

For **assistance with any SafeSport account** contact the SafeSport help desk by [CLICKING HERE](#) or call 1-720-676-6417.

Required Adult Participant SafeSport Training

Required Adult Participant SafeSport training has not changed, only where the training resides has. Should an adult continue to participate, it is a yearly requirement; year one, CORE course, year two, three and four, a refresher course, year five, the cycle starts over with CORE course training.

Youth Athletes who are 18 years old and older Updates

A [communication](#) was just recently sent from Mass Youth Soccer regarding the new SafeSport and U.S. Soccer Adult Athlete requirements that are mandatory starting January 1, 2022. After that communication was released, SafeSport changed the training URL and how it is accesses.

- Athletes that are 18 or will turn 18 during a current playing season and play on a team with minor athletes (17 years old and younger) are required to take the SafeSport Core Abuse Prevention training to participate.
- Players who are currently 17 years old may get a head start on this requirement and take the training *with parental consent* prior to their 18th birthday.
- **NEW** - For Adult Athletes to connect the training to U.S. Soccer and access the required SafeSport Abuse Prevention Core training for free, administrators will need to provide the U.S. Soccer SafeSport Training Link and Enrollment Key to those athletes: NOTE: *this code cannot be posted on any public platform*. For training link and enrollment key

contact CORI@mayouthsoccer.org. For the new SafeSport Adult Athlete Abuse Prevention training help guide click [HERE](#).

TOPSoccer Adult Athletes

These players may qualify for a waiver of this requirement. The TOPSoccer waiver information can be read by [CLICKING HERE](#) or visiting the Mass Youth Soccer [TOPSoccer website page](#).

Concession Stand Workers

These workers who do not regularly work the stand or do not have supervision over minors do not need to take the Center for SafeSport abuse prevention training, nor do they need to take concussion training.

- They are still required to register online with Mass Youth Soccer and have an approved risk status.
- If they regularly help out, they require an adult credential and will need to meet *all* adult risk management requirements.

Optional Training for Minor Athletes and Parents/Guardians

Optional Training for Minor Athletes and Parents/Guardians is recommended and is provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. The U.S. Center for SafeSport's parent course is located at <https://safesporttrained.org/#/public-dashboard> or [CLICK HERE](#).

- To access the optional parent and minor athlete training, click on the SafeSport training link above and then on the Login button on the top of the landing page to either log into your account, or sign up for an account. After your account is created, all free courses will show up as options once you click on my courses or the catalog button.

Web Pages and help guide links

A reminder that information is added/updated and help guides do change on the Mass Youth Soccer website. Please review the Mass Youth Soccer website at mayouthsoccer.org and visit and review all pertinent webpages and help guides located on the right-hand side of these pages.

[Adult Registration Process](#)

[Risk Manager Information](#)

[Adult Credentials](#)

[MA Safe Soccer](#)

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