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

From: Mary Relic, Mass Youth Soccer CORI/Risk Administrator

Subjects: **Spring 2020** Start-Up Adult Registration
Update on the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 Adult Registration and Player Registration Data Upload
Mass Youth Soccer Annual General Meeting (AGM) 3/14/20

First, with all the changes that have happened in the past few years, changing adult registration systems, new U.S. Soccer policies and a new Federal law, we would be remiss if we did not say, there have been some rough times to say the least, and through it all, due to the support of our Towns, Clubs and Leagues, we managed to come out on the other side pretty good.

Yes, there is still work ahead but together we will get it done! We cannot thank you enough for your continued efforts to help guide us in the direction that benefits all. Mass Youth Soccer is all of us together, collaborating to ensure that we can all do our jobs to the best of our ability while keeping the children as safe as possible and mentoring them to be the best they can be on and off the field. We THANK YOU all!

The purpose of this annual Spring start-up bulletin is to bring you up to date with the Adult Registration/Credential process for this coming Spring season, provide information about the changes (more like “back to the future”) for the Fall 2020 season, and training opportunities to be held at this year’s Mass Youth Soccer AGM.

Spring 2020

The way your adult members register remains the same as Fall 2019 via the current version of Stack Sports U.S. Soccer Connect. Player Registration Data Upload is also the same as Fall 2019 via a FilesAnywhere Upload.

1. For Spring 2020, your adult members that are new to your organization or did not register in Fall 2019 are required to register in the current version of U.S. Soccer Connect; the way the adult registers, is the same as they did for the Fall 2019 season, there are no changes here.
2. Adult Credentials are now printable and required for the Spring 2020 season. An Adult Credential will not print until all requirements are met.
 - a. For the list of all requirements, the **preprinting check list**, and the how to print help guides, visit the [Adult Credential webpage](#) on the Mass Youth Soccer website.
 - b. **NOTE:** A local organization Administrator, with Administrative access into U.S. Soccer Connect, **must manually approve** the adult’s photo **and** at times the Abuse Prevention and Concussion training certificates for the adult credential to print.
3. CORI Acknowledgement form can now be printed by the adult, from their Adult Registration account.
 - a. Instructions are available at this link: [CORI Acknowledgement Form – How to print](#)
4. **Player Registration Data Upload process remains the same from Fall 2019.**

The information above is **covered in depth on the [Risk Manager Information](#) and the [Adult Credential webpages](#)**. Both web pages are located on the Mass Youth Soccer Website under the ADMINISTRATION tab.

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

New (back to the future) Adult Registration and Player Data Upload System

In 2019 Stack Sports/U.S. Soccer Connect acquired the Affinity and Blue Sombrero Registration Systems. Stack Sports made the decision to sunset the current version of US Soccer Connect and replace the underlying platform with the same Affinity system Mass Youth Soccer was on from Fall 2015 to Spring 2019. Although, this is slightly confusing, it will be the old Affinity registration platform with some added changes and will be called U.S. Soccer Connect. Yes, back to the future.

1. The registration process will go back to the way it was with old Affinity System; one registration URL/webpage (**not** a URL for each member organization).
2. It will be a two-step registration process built into one continuous registration flow. As done previously in the old Affinity system, we complete our adult registration that links us to our member organization and then we will be presented with the background check (Massachusetts CORI and National) submission form. More information on this will be provided at the Mass Youth Soccer AGM and will also be available on our website shortly.
3. All Blue Sombrero users will benefit as their player data will flow up to the State Office; thus, they will not need to upload player registration data. More information on this will be posted on the Registration webpage that is located on the Mass Youth Soccer website under the ADMINISTRATION tab.
4. Our first training session for the NEW version of the U.S. Soccer Connect Registration System will be at the Mass Youth Soccer Annual General Meeting (AGM) this March. Please read the information below and join us. It would be wonderful to see some of you again, and to meet those of you that we haven't had the opportunity to do so in the past.

We do understand most of the difficulties and frustrations associated with the registration system change, and with your help, we will do our best to make it as smooth as possible.

Mass Youth Soccer's AGM

U.S. Soccer Connect Training + Lunch

Please join Massachusetts Youth Soccer at their Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) on March 14th, 2020, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 99 Erdman Way, Leominster MA 01453. Check-In Starts at 9 am and the meeting starts promptly at 10 am. Training for the Adult Registration system will start immediately after the meeting at about 11:30 and lunch will be provided. In addition to the U.S. Soccer Connect training, there will be an additional session on Zero Tolerance & Codes of Conduct.

The U.S. Soccer Connect training will cover:

1. For Spring 2020 season: How the Member Organization's Administrator will print their adult members Adult Credentials and how the adult will print their CORI Acknowledgement form, both from the current U.S. Soccer Connect System.
2. In preparation for Fall 2020 season: Introduction to the new version of U.S. Soccer Connect Registration System. We will be going over how and adult completes the registration process and manages their credential requirements, how the Registrar/Risk Manager will use the system to manage their adult member's information, and how the player upload process will work.
3. Introduction to the Blue Sombrero/Club Connect

Other AGM Information

If an eligible voting officer from your town/club/league cannot make the AGM, others may carry a proxy to cast votes as well as attend this important training.

Additional discussion will be conducted regarding Zero Tolerance policies and Coach, Player and Parent Codes of Conduct.

To ensure that we have an accurate count for food, please click on the link below to register for the lunch portion of this event.

[CLICK HERE FOR AGM ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

Spring 2020 Registration Requirements

Initial requirements for Spring 2020 registration are due no later than Friday March 13, 2020.

Please visit www.mayouthsoccer.org/registration-spring-2020/ for further information.

DEADLINES

Initial SPRING 2020 Registration requirements are due no later than Friday March 13, 2020.

Final SPRING 2020 Registration report and fees are due on Friday May 8, 2020.

Thank you all so very much for your time, commitment and continuing efforts to help keep our children safe!

Sincerely,

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