

TOPSoccer Member Organization Administrators,

All member organization administrators should have received a memo from Mass Youth Soccer explaining the new [SafeSport and U.S. Soccer mandatory Adult Athlete Requirements](#). This is a follow up email to all involved in our TOPSoccer program to inform you of the exception for the SafeSport training requirement for players with a cognitive disability.

Accommodations or Exemption from SafeSport Training is available for players who will be 17 years of age or older on or before December 31 of the current playing season who will be participating in a classification that allows Minor Athlete players and who are not able to take the required SafeSport Training as provided by the US Center for SafeSport because of a cognitive disability.

- All waivers must be tracked and kept on file with the participating organization and are subject to review by Massachusetts Youth Soccer.

Reminder: Adults (i.e., Coaches, Administrators, TOPSoccer Buddies) over the age of 18 will be required to complete an Annual Mass Youth Soccer Adult Registration via U.S. Soccer Connect, concussion awareness and safe sport training. These adults must designate the town/club they are associated with as one of their organization affiliation choices.

- Parents or siblings (18 or older) who are not considered a coach or buddy and are assisting only their child or sibling do not need to complete the Adult Registration requirements.
- Players 18 years of age or older, a), do not register online with Mass Youth Soccer, b), are required to be national or CORI background checked, c), do not complete concussion training.

Parent Optional Training: Mass Youth Soccer encourages the parent/guardian of the player for whom this request is submitted to complete SafeSport training. Free Optional Training is available and 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 parent and minor athlete training, click on the 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 the catalog button.
- For assistance creating your SafeSport account contact the SafeSport help desk at: <https://safesport.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/4> or [CLICK HERE](#) or call 1-720-676-6417.

[Link to waiver](#)

[Link to Athlete and Participant Safety Policy](#)