



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## Adult Athlete Risk Management

\*effective for 2023-2024 seasonal year\*

### SafeSport Training

- MSYSA will provide specific instructions for 18+ athletes to take the training; this will not require logging into GotSport as most players do not know their account login credentials.
- Accepted courses to meet the SafeSport Training Requirement are SafeSport Trained, Refresher 1, Refresher 2, and Refresher 3.
- Club administrators will need to upload SafeSport Certificates (or copy of transcript) to player accounts on their behalf, or can email SafeSport Certificates to MSYSA ([safesport@michiganyouthsoccer.org](mailto:safesport@michiganyouthsoccer.org))

### Background Screening

- MSYSA will provide an online form to obtain athlete consent for free screening.
- Screening includes the Michigan Sex Offender Registry, U.S. Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database, U.S. Soccer Risk Management Disqualifications List, & US Youth Soccer Disciplinary Action and Risk Management Report.
- MSYSA will mark the 'Athlete Background Screening' as Approved/Fulfilled in GotSport for each individual athlete (on their player account).

### Tracking RM for 18+ athletes

- Clubs will have filters available under 'Club Management' in GotSport to track which 18+ athletes have fulfilled both Requirements.
- Leagues will have access to review Requirements for athletes when reviewing rosters, and should confirm Background Screening & SafeSport Training fulfillment prior to approving players on rosters.
- MSYSA will provide reports to affiliated leagues with RM status of rostered adult athletes.

### Athletes who are 17 years old & will turn 18 during the season

- SafeSport Training & Background Screening are not required until athletes turn 18 years old. However, athletes who are currently 17 years old but will turn 18 during the seasonal year (through July 31st) are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to obtain a Background Screening and complete the SafeSport Training before the season starts, to avoid a potential lapse in eligibility.
- Should an athlete turn 18 during the seasonal year but not have completed the Background Screening and SafeSport Training, they would then be considered ineligible and are likely to impact team(s) eligibility.
- MSYSA will provide an *optional* online form for athletes who are 17 years old (to be filled out by their parent/guardian) to obtain parental permission for background screening & SafeSport Training.
- Once the online form is completed, 17-year-old players are eligible to complete SafeSport Training using the instructions for 18+ athletes and a background screening can be completed by MSYSA.

### Notes:

- If an adult athlete is also a registered/affiliated coach, they should also complete the MSYSA Background Check application found in GotSport, as that is required for coaching.
- Proof of SafeSport Training completion must be a SafeSport Certificate or Transcript, and must contain the individual's full name, their email address, date of course completion, and course name.
- SafeSport certificates & background screenings for adult athletes are valid for one (1) year.
- MSYSA's Athlete & Participant Safety Program will be updated & disseminated in 2023 to reflect these changes in RM Requirements for adult athletes.

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