

Recreation Coach Background Check Requirements

Beginning with the 2019/2020 season, DE Youth Soccer (DYSA) will implement background checks for Recreational Coaches using Stack Sports platform through US Soccer Connect. Ensuring the highest level of player safety is one of the guiding principles of Delaware Youth Soccer. We are committed to protecting the health, safety and security of all players, parents and coaches, and background screening is one of the most important ways we do this.

What Does this Process Involve?

The Recreation Coach application/background process involves:

- All recreation coaches to submit a mandatory background check
- An additional review by DYSA if the background check is flagged which may require the coach to provide additional information
- Annual/seasonal background checks from DYSA and may also involve other club specific requirements
- Uploading concussion certificates through the individual coach profile when registering
- Through participation in the DE Youth Soccer statewide program, individual recreation programs can operate on a consistent platform with the travel clubs throughout the state. Thus, all coaches and administrators are being screened in the same manner and using the same criteria.

What if My Club Already Background Checks Coaches?

All Delaware Youth Soccer recreation programs not using Reference Services as their background screening provider are required to provide Delaware Youth Soccer:

- (1) Completed "Certification of Criminal Background Screening Compliance for Recreational Youth Coaches"
- (2) The name of their selected background screening company
- (3) Background screening Contract Start and End Dates
- (4) Contact Information and Name of Club Risk Management Contact

In addition, affiliates not using Reference Services must provide Delaware Youth Soccer immediate notice of any negative background determinations that may affect an individual's right to participate. All of this information should be submitted to executivedirector@dysa.org

What Action Does my Club Take?

Club Registered with US Soccer Connect (Travel and/or Recreation)

- Background process mirrors that of travel coaches
- Club must confirm the recreation coach registration in its US Soccer Connect software
- Club may have specific club requirements in addition to the DYSA mandates
- Club creates a registration event in US Soccer Connect specific for recreation coaches
- Club shares registration link with coaches and through the club's website
- Reference materials for this process can be found [HERE](#)

Club is NOT Registered with US Soccer Connect)

- Onboarding with Delaware Youth Soccer and Blue Star Sports-US Soccer Connect to establish on-line credentials

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Periodic or One-Time Check?

Delaware Youth Soccer conducts background checks annually to ensure the safety and well-being of our players.

Who Completes the Application?

Coaches must complete the application themselves. They must agree to the background check before DYSA can run it.

Who Pays for the Background Checks?

Clubs will be invoiced for the number of background checks run through the system.