

Safe Sport Training

Delaware Youth Soccer Abuse Prevention Training for Adults (e.g. coaches and administrators)

Delaware Youth Soccer is aware of several program options for awareness/prevention training of sexual abuse. Delaware Youth Soccer supports the Safe Sport Act by advising persons identified under this policy to take the program provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. There are two options for adults to enroll in the program:

1. *Integration with the Delaware Youth Soccer Registration Provider (US Soccer Connect)*

A person seeking to enroll in the course through automatic integration with their Delaware Youth Soccer Adult Registration account may access the program after registering for the new seasonal year with a club organization through the Delaware Youth Soccer Registration Provider (US Soccer Connect). After registering to a Delaware Youth Adult account for the current season, you may click "Begin Training" in the adult registration profile. The proper access code will appear and on-screen directions will be provided to create a SafeSport account. Upon completion of the entire training program, the integration will provide information to the registration provider regarding such completion and update the adult registration account accordingly.

2. *Manual Registration with SafeSport*

To enroll in this program, the first step is to obtain the proper access code. To do so, email to safesport@nyouthsoccer.com and you will receive an email autoreply containing the access code. After obtaining the access code copy or click on this url: <https://www.safesport.org/>. Once on the SafeSport site click on "Sign in," then click on "Register." When prompted, make sure to select "US Soccer" as your NGB and then enter the access code provided in the email reply. In order to complete your course registration, you will receive an email to confirm your email address. You must respond to this email to activate your account. Set aside up to 90 minutes for the initial training course. Upon completion, print out your certificate and keep on file. You may upload your certificate to your Delaware Youth Soccer adult registration account after registering for the new seasonal year.

IMPORTANT: Use the legal name and the email address you use when conducting your Delaware Youth Soccer Coach/Adult Registration; have Delaware Youth Soccer receive confirmation of your course completion directly from SafeSport; and create your SafeSport account through your Delaware Youth Soccer Coach/Adult Registration member profile. The match of your course record from SafeSport and your Adult Registration account will occur immediately upon completion of the course. If your SafeSport account is created through the <https://www.safesport.org/> link, you will be required to upload a copy of your certificate to your Delaware Youth Soccer Coach/Adult Registration member profile.

3. On this page (<http://www.DEyouthsoccer.com/protecting-young-victims>) can you update the copy to read as per the copy below? Can we rename this page "Safe Sport Reporting"?

On February 14th, 2018, the President signed the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 which is aimed at protecting amateur athletes* from sexual abuse. What exactly does the Law state?

The Law has a three-pronged approach:

4. Any adult interacting with amateur athletes in the program has a duty to report abuse and or suspected abuse.
5. The statute of limitations is extended for up to 10 years after a victim realizes he or she was abused.
6. Limits an athlete under the age of 18 from being alone with an adult who is not their parent.

**What is an amateur athlete?* Any child or minor under the age of 18. Legislation is available for download ([click here](#)).

What are the requirements for NGB's and NGB-Affiliated?

Reporting: A mechanism that allows a complaint to be easily reported for a reasonable suspicion of Sexual or Physical abuse/neglect, within a 24 hour period of awareness. Federal regulations state that reports should be made to a) local law enforcement and b) local/state child protective services c) US Soccer, and d) the US Center for SafeSport. Everyone is a mandatory reporter.

The Delaware Youth Soccer Reporting procedures provide a mechanism that allows a complaint to be easily reported for a possible case of sexual or physical abuse/neglect. Delaware law states that such incidents should be reported immediately.

Mechanism for Reporting: The list below outlines the appropriate contacts for reporting when physical, emotional or sexual abuse is suspected. The individual who is first aware of a possible case of sexual or physical abuse/neglect is responsible for reporting as follows:

- Local Law Enforcement Number: May be posted on club website and given to athletes and parents.
- Division of Child Protection & Permanency (formerly Division of Youth & Family Services): Report if suspicious activity is applicable, 1-800-292-9582 may be on club website and given to athletes and parents

AFTER receiving guidance and direction from law enforcement and/or the Division of Child Protection & Permanency, consideration should be given to reporting incidents as follows:

- Club Risk Manager Contact Information (every club should have a point person for reporting)
- State Risk Manager: Laura Sturdivant, executivedirector@dysa.org or 302-584-0008
- National Governing Body (NGB)

US Soccer Integrity Hotline Number: (312) 528- 7004

US Soccer: <https://www.ussoccer.com/integrity-hotline>

US Center for SafeSport: <https://www.safesport.org/report-a-concern>

For details on Mandatory Reporting Requirements: Children in Delaware go to <https://kids.delaware.gov>

Other forms of misconduct such as bullying, hazing, or harassment may also be reported and consideration should be given to consulting with legal counsel for direction about reporting such issues.

- Club Risk Manager Contact Information (every club should have a point person for reporting)
- Club or Board of Directors Review (BOD)/Hearing: There should be a process and policy to document and address misconduct.
- State Risk Manager: Laura Sturdivant, executivedirector@dysa.org or 302-584-0008

An individual who is required, but fails, to report suspected child sexual abuse is subject to criminal penalties including fines and a sentence up to one (1) year in jail.