



West Virginia Soccer Association

Presidents and Registrars,

Hope everyone is handling all the changes with ease, please be patient as it's a new year with the two platforms and we will be tweaking a lot of things as we go. I repeat what I mentioned at the AGM in March regarding Risk Management, SafeSport, Concussion and Cardiac Arrest Training. There were several clubs that were not doing the process correctly, we are contacting all Registrars to make sure all clubs are following what is required of your club to coach, volunteer, etc. We rely on you as Registrars to make sure this gets done at the club level, there is just too much for us to keep up with per club, per team. There will be random spot checks in the system as well as on the fields starting this Fall season. If you are new or need a refresher, this is what needs to be completed and how long each course needs to be redone. These items need to be completed and/or updated **BEFORE** your season starts, **BEFORE** anyone can be on the field with the kids. Also check that certificates are uploaded and for correct dates and correct certificates, if they are not, delete them and that person is not able to take the fields until completed. All information below is on our website wvsoccer.net under Youth.

- 1. Background Check – Due every 2 years**
- 2. Risk Management** - information must be updated **each seasonal year (fall/spring)** so your information and assignments are correct in our soccer database.
- 3. Concussion Management Course – Due every 2 years**
- 4. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: Due every 2 years**
- 5. SafeSport - WV Soccer Abuse Prevention Training for Adults Due Yearly**
 - **SafeSport Trained - U.S.S.F - also referred to as "Core" training (first year)
Set aside 90 min for this initial course.*
 - **SafeSport Refresher 1 (year 2)*
 - **SafeSport Refresher 2 (year 3)*
 - **SafeSport Refresher 3 (year 4 then start over with Core)*

It can be time consuming; we realize that, and our intent is not to place more on you or punish anyone, but to do whatever we can to keep our kids safe. These are policies and procedures set forth by US Soccer, USYS and USSF, which we support and must follow. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Beth.

Thank so you much for volunteering!

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