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Important Addition to SAY Soccer's Risk Management Policy

Important news on protecting children from suspected abuse:

On March 6, 2017 a bill was introduced to amend the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 was signed into law on February 14, 2018.

This law is in effect and should be adhered to by all SAY Soccer members. This amendment extends the duty of SAY members to report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, to adults who are authorized to interact with minor or amateur athletes at a facility under the jurisdiction of a national governing body. A national governing body (U.S. Soccer) is an amateur sports organization that is recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The full legislation is available for download [HERE](#).

The second part of this amendment defines the purpose of the U.S. Center for Safe Sport. This organization must maintain an office for education and outreach that shall develop training, oversight practices, policies, and procedures to prevent the abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, of amateur athletes participating in amateur athletic activities through their national governing bodies and Paralympic sports organizations. It is designed to promote a safe environment in sports for any amateur athlete. The U.S. Center for SafeSport has multiple resources that can be found [HERE](#)

When to Screen and How Often?

NEW TO SAFESPORT (AKA - first time taking the training) - Taker needs to complete the entire training. They will receive 3 certificates, the final one saying SafeSport trained with a completion date on the bottom. This needs to be emailed to the SAY Area or District Safesport Coordinator.

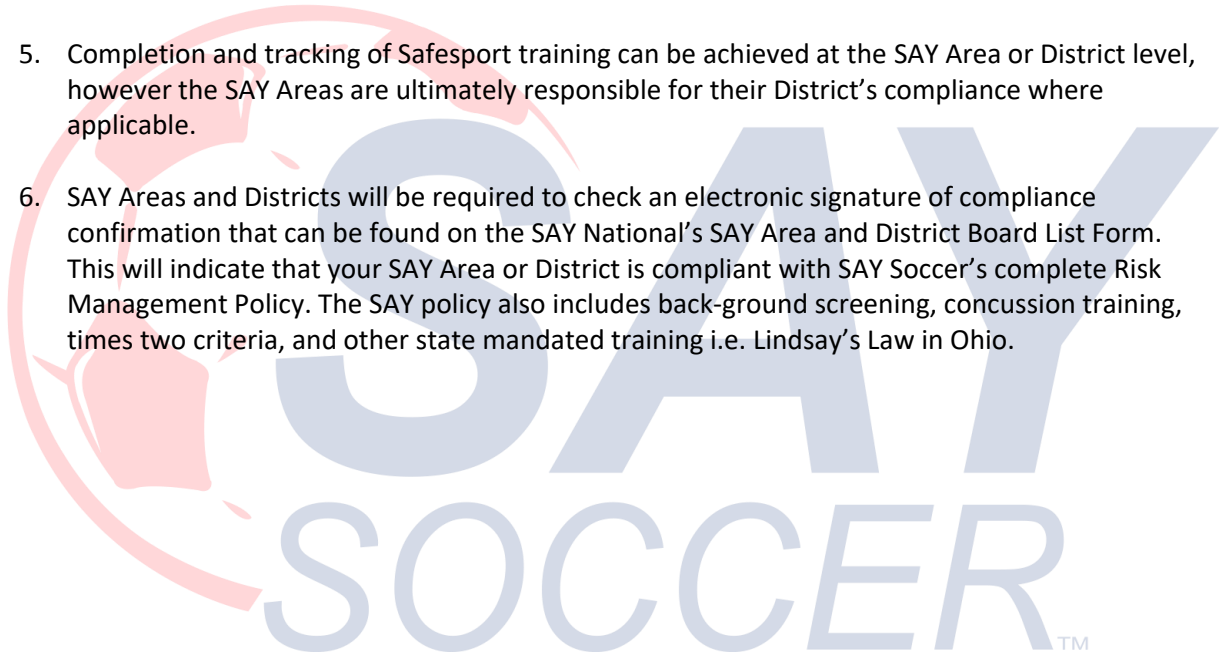
RETURNING TO SAFESPORT (AKA - has an existing SS trained certificate dated 2020 or 2021) - Taker needs to complete **REFRESHER 1** and email the certificate **AND** their SafeSport Trained certificate to the SAY Area or District Safesport Coordinator.

Timeline:

Year 1 - SafeSport Trained
Year 2 - Refresher 1
Year 3 - Refresher 2
Year 4 - Refresher 3
Year 5 - SafeSport Trained

What does this mean for SAY Soccer members in 2022?

1. All SAY Area and District administrative board members and coaches must complete the online SafeSport training, which includes sexual misconduct awareness, emotional and physical misconduct, and mandatory reporting. Upon successful completion of the training the participant will receive an overall Safesport Training Certificate.
2. All SAYArea and District administrative board members and coaches must provide proof of compliance to their SAYArea or District compliance director.
3. All Safesport training participants should take care to use their same legal name as shown on their Driver's License or Passport when filling out the Safesport forms.
4. U.S. Soccer previously set a date of September 2019 for the implementation of Safesport training for all affiliated youth organization members.
5. Completion and tracking of Safesport training can be achieved at the SAY Area or District level, however the SAY Areas are ultimately responsible for their District's compliance where applicable.
6. SAY Areas and Districts will be required to check an electronic signature of compliance confirmation that can be found on the SAY National's SAY Area and District Board List Form. This will indicate that your SAY Area or District is compliant with SAY Soccer's complete Risk Management Policy. The SAY policy also includes back-ground screening, concussion training, times two criteria, and other state mandated training i.e. Lindsay's Law in Ohio.



SAFESPORT TRAINING IS FREE TO SAY MEMBERS

The link is for SAY Soccer/Sporting Brookside coaches ONLY

1. Use this link: <https://safesporttrained.org?KeyName=JJFAQsQPWNRj01edWcPr>.
2. Existing users can “log in” button located in upper right corner of page
3. New users’ complete information on “Sign Up” page.
 - A. Member ID = leave blank not used
 - B. Name of Sport or Community Organization = SAY Soccer
4. Next you should be in the dashboard at safesporttrained.org. You will see “SafeSport Trained-U.S. Soccer Federation icon under “My Courses”. This is your free course.
5. If the dashboard does not automatically load after creating your account, you may be prompted to log in to the new account you just created.
4. Click on “Menu” and select “Catalog.”
5. Click the Start button for “SafeSport Trained – U.S. Soccer Federation” to complete the course.
6. Upload your certificate of completion.

Instructions for downloading a certificate of completion are as follows:

1. Please select the “Menu” icon at the top right of your page.
2. Select “Transcript”.
3. Once the transcript page displays, locate the most current completion for the course under the “Certificates” section.
4. Download the certificate by selecting the “Download” button at the right of the completed course.
5. **If you have any questions or issues, please reach out to Sporting Brookside's registrar, Angie Miller directly via email at Info@brooksidessoccer.org**