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### **U.S. Center for SafeSport Important Notice**

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 SafeSport 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 SafeSport. 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](#)

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### **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:

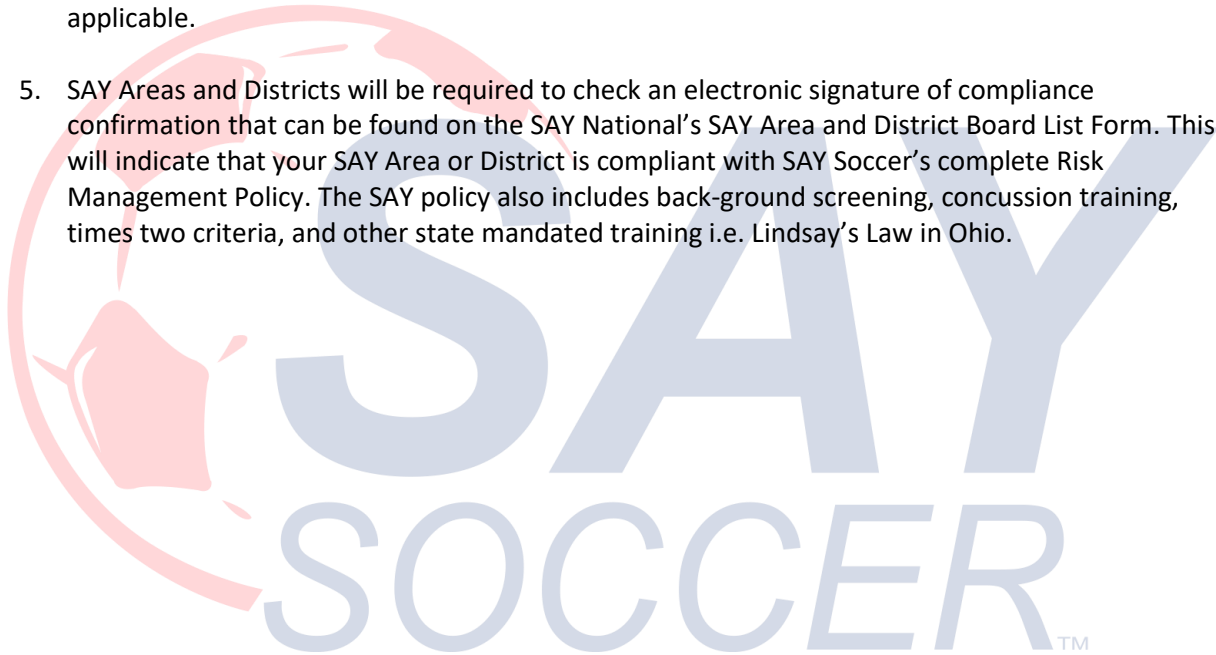
Year 1 - SafeSport Trained  
Year 2 - Refresher 1  
Year 3 - Refresher 2  
Year 4 - Refresher 3  
Year 5 - SafeSport Trained

## Who needs to be SafeSport trained?

1. Organization member employees
2. Organization Board Members
3. Organization National Board Members
4. Adult Participants
5. Adult participants who have regular contact with any amateur athlete(s) who is a minor
6. Adult participants who have authority over any amateur athlete(s) who is a minor
7. Adult participants who are employees or board members of an Amateur Organization Member
8. Close in Age Exception" exists to allow for specific in program contact between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete if:
  - a. The Adult Participant does NOT have authority over the Minor Athlete. The Adult Participant must be in a similar role (e.g., Adult Athlete) as the Minor Athlete and have no control over said Minor Athlete
  - b. The Adult Participant is no more than four years older than the Minor Athlete
  - c. Adult participants who are medical providers required to take training as an Amateur Organization member employee or board member can take the Health Professionals Course in lieu of SafeSport Trained Core
9. Minor Athlete, subject to parental consent
10. Adult Referees 18 years of age and older
11. A 17 year old Minor Athlete who is turning 18 must complete the SafeSport Trained Core by their 18th birthday if they will have regular contact with Minor Athletes

### **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 SAY Area and District administrative board members and coaches must provide proof of compliance to their SAY Area 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. 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.
5. 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 Instructions

SafeSport training is free to SAY Soccer members. The link below is U.S. Soccer's national governing body access point allowing any of our members to complete training. The link has an embedded code for free usage and can be shared with members or registrants, but please don't post it on your website or other public domain, as it's to be used only by U.S. Soccer affiliated organizations.

### If you are completing training for the first time:

1. Use this link: <https://safesporttrained.org?KeyName=JJFAQsQPWNRj01edWcPr>.
2. Complete information on "Sign Up" page.
  - a. Member ID = You can leave blank not used
  - b. Name of Sport or Community Organization = SAY Soccer, your SAY Area or SAY District Name
3. 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 "My Courses" on landing page or from menu select "My Courses."
5. Click the Start button for "SafeSport Trained – U.S. Soccer Federation" to complete the course.
6. Upload your certificate of completion.

### If you already have an account and have taken training before:

1. Log in here: <https://safesporttrained.org/#/dashboard>
2. **Which course to take:** If you have never completed SafeSport training, you should take the course entitled, "**SafeSport Trained – U.S. Soccer Federation**". If you have taken training before, you should take the next available **Refresher Course**. If your last course taken was "**Refresher 3**" your next course would be the "**SafeSport Trained – U.S. Soccer Federation**" course again. The training runs in a 4-year cycle as follows:

Year 1: SafeSport Trained – U.S. Soccer Federation

Year 2: Refresher 1

Year 3: Refresher 2

Year 4: Refresher 3

Year 5: SafeSport Trained – U.S. Soccer Federation (again)

Note that there are other courses available in the catalog. These are optional and do not meet the training requirement established by the Center for SafeSport.

### Instructions for downloading a certificate of completion

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

