

Part 11 - KidSafe / Risk Management

Purpose:

The stated purpose of the Risk Management Program is: To protect and provide a safe and healthful environment for children participating in Ohio South sanctioned soccer clubs, associations, leagues, programs, and tournaments."

Background:

As our society's awareness increases about the risks associated with individuals working with children who abuse their authority by committing sexual, physical, mental, and emotional abuse, there is a need to provide a means of protection. In August of 1994 the United States Youth Soccer Association approved the Kidsafe Program.

This process is known as the Ohio South Risk Management Program. The program is found in the Ohio South Risk Management Program booklet or on line at www.osysa.com. As members of Ohio South GCSL supports, utilizes and requires KidSafe for all adults.

Requirement:

Every three (3) years (July 1 - June 30) each Director of Coaching, coach, assistant coach, trainer, assistant trainer must complete a standardized Volunteer Disclosure OSYSA Risk Management Application form on line, which asks a number of pertinent questions. Following the submission of the form it will be checked against a computerized database looking for criminal convictions for crimes of violence and crimes against persons. In addition, these same names will be checked against the county Sexual Predator Registry of their county of residence and the Nation wide sex offender registry, which is maintained by the local Sheriff's Department.

When the individual is cleared by the back ground check, he/she will receive a Certificate certifying the clearance. All individuals who are covered by this requirement must to provide the copy of this Certificate to their Club. Everyone is encouraged to keep their own copy for any other possible use during the year.

Coach Responsibility:

The coach is to go to the OSYSA web site (WWW.OSYSA.COM) and enter his/her information at the located link on the web site. This has to be done before the Coaches Pass can be issued, but not until after July 1 for the start of the seasonal year. Coaches new to the program may submit at any time and must have a copy of their completed Certificate prior to practices or games. They must also provide a copy to their Club.

Directors of Coaching, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and assistant trainers cannot be carded and/or work with the youth in any OSYSA / GCSL program unless they have successfully completed the Risk Management filing and received their Certificate.

Club Responsibility:

It is the Clubs responsibility to insure that all of required individuals are to complete the Risk Management Filing every three (3) years July - June year. Once successfully completed by the individual, he/she is to provide a copy of his/her certificate to their Club. Once it is received, the Club is to "click and put a Check Mark" in the Coaches data base indicating that he/she has been cleared by the KidSafe program for the July - June year.

This Risk field is protected and can only be entered and/or changed by the Club. Coaches can view, but cannot enter or change.

Clubs are to keep the copy of the Risk Management Certificate for five year (July 1, - June 30). Further Clubs are to provide a copy of the Certificate as required to GCSL via disk, flash drive or on line storage each season/year.

Coaches Passes:

Coaches Passes will not be printed unless there is a "Check Mark entry" in the Risk Management field in the coaches' data base.

GCSL / CLUB Responsibility:

It is GCSL responsibility to insure that each and every carded coach has received Risk Management clearance. Once the coach has provided his/her Club with a copy of his/her RM Certificate, the Club is to enter into the Risk Management qualification on the Web Site for each coach.

If proof of the Risk Management Certificate has not been entered into the GCSL Web Site system at the time of registration and/or league assignment then that coach will be removed from the system. If removal of this coach means that the team only has one coach on the roster - the team will be dropped from the system and will not be scheduled. Fees for dropping will apply.

It is also required that all Directors of Coaching and trainer who are not carded coaches by OSYSA/GCSL (or a DOC who has a multiple team coaching pass) complete the Risk Management. All Trainers and DOC's (who are not registered directly with one or more teams - have individual coaches passes for that team, but do have a multiple team coaching pass) must be entered and listed on the GCSL website. Each of these individuals must furnish their Club a copy of the RM Certificate. Each Club is to keep the certificate as previously outlined for one year and enter this information into the Web Site. DOC's and Trainers are not work with their assigned players unless they are RM qualified.

Three (3) Year Requirement:

As noted the Risk Management must be completed once each 3 years and it is recommended that it be done in July - June year. The Club must keep the copy of each Coaches Risk Management Certificate for five years. The "Check Mark" in the Risk field in the coaches' data base will be removed at the when the Certificate expires. Once the web site is updated and prepared for the new seasonal year - the Club can again enter the "Check Mark" in the Risk field for this year.