



Protecting Youth Soccer Players

Dear Youth Soccer Leaders,

The information and links in this email pertaining to the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 are **extremely important!**

Please forward this information to all registered adult volunteers and coaches in your organization.

For detailed information on how the law impacts members of your organization please visit the [Mass Youth Soccer Abuse Prevention](#) web-page linked below:

www.mayouthsoccer.org/about/abuseprevention/

On February 14th, 2018, the President signed the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act which is aimed at protecting amateur athletes* from sexual abuse.

The Law has a three-pronged approach:

1. Any adult interacting with amateur athletes in the program has a duty to report abuse and or suspected abuse within a 24 hour period. EVERY adult is a mandatory reporter.
 2. The statute of limitations is extended for up to 10 years after a victim realizes he or she was abused.
 3. Limits an athlete under the age of 18 from being alone with an adult who is not their parent.
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US Youth Soccer released a memorandum on May 18th 2018 regarding the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017. Please click the link below to view communications from US Youth Soccer CEO Chris Moore.

[US Youth Soccer May 18th Memorandum](#)

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