



# PREVENTING ABUSE IN YOUTH SPORTS:

## TRAINING

On June 4, 2019 the North Texas State Soccer Association Board of Directors voted to MANDATE the following program as a tool/resource to educate all our membership.

## GETTING STARTED

- 1) Visit [www.safesport.org](http://www.safesport.org)
- 2) When registering use the email address attached to your GotSoccer account
- 3) At Membership select U.S.Soccer as your organization

Access code YC3E-6P5G-YYIL-CS2M

In order to complete your course registration you will receive an email to confirm your email address. You must click the activation link in the email to activate your account.

In order to be "SafeSport Trained" all three training modules must be successfully completed.

Upon completion of the three training modules, print out your "SafeSport Trained" certificate and keep on file.

Once completed, there will be a refresher course annually. U.S. Center for SafeSport website will interface with NTSSA's online registration provider and will update your user account with completion. (as long as you used the email address attached to your GOTSoccer Account)

## WHAT IS SAFE SPORT?

On February 14, 2018 the President signed the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, which is aimed at protecting amateur athletes from sexual abuse.

## WHAT IS A YOUTH AMATEUR ATHLETE?

Any child or minor under the age of 18.

## What does the bill state?

EVERY ADULT IS A MANDATORY REPORTER.

\*Any adult interacting with youth amateur athletes in the program that has reasonable suspicion of sexual or physical abuse or neglect must report within a 24-hour period.

\*The statute of limitations is extended for up to 10 years after a victim realizes he or she was abused.

\*Limits an athlete under the age of 18 from being alone with an adult who is not their parent.

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## MECHANISM FOR REPORTING

### Local Law Enforcement-

Phone #: 806-775-2865 916 Texas Avenue,  
Lubbock, TX 79401 or in case of Emergency or  
Imminent Danger dial 911

### Association or Club Risk Manager:

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National Governing Body:  
US Soccer Integrity hotline  
(312) 528-7004  
US Soccer  
[www.ussoccer.com/integrity-hotline](http://www.ussoccer.com/integrity-hotline)

US Center for SafeSport  
[www.safesport.org/report-a-concern](http://www.safesport.org/report-a-concern)

## QUESTIONS:

U.S. Center for SafeSport Fact sheet:  
[www.safesport.org/files/details/78](http://www.safesport.org/files/details/78)