

[IMPORTANT] - 2024 Risk Management Update - NOTABLE Changes_11-27-2023

To ALL Club Administrators & Risk Management Coordinators:

There are still several outstanding items with the new 2024 Risk Management process that are being addressed as a result of continued testing, primarily with the payment system, pre-purchased code use and the processing of Minor (13-17 years of age) RM applicants. We anticipate the new season to open in the next few days once these items are corrected.

[NOTE-REFEREES]: Club Staff that are also Referees will receive different instructions from their respective referee districts on how to complete backgrounds (Adults) or Parental Attestations (Minors) and should continue completing their other RM credentials in the Learning Center **BEFORE** doing any Club related RM credentialing. Clubs will be provided separate instructions on how to handle members that are also referees.

There will be several significant changes in the RM process that will serve to help streamline the overall process for everyone. They are outlined below:

1.) The Risk Management Seasonal Year will no longer need any significant downtime for annual changeover such as is currently the case. Because of this, beginning with the 2024 season, the Risk Management period will again coincide with the Players seasonal year (more on this below).

2.) The Background Screening will remain a **2-year Credential** but will now become a **REVOLVING** calendar year credential. For example, if an applicant applies for and clears their background on 1-15-2024 then their background will be good thru 1-15-2026. The former static calendar year of 1-1-XX to 12-31-XX no longer applies. (**NOTE:** This change becomes effective as soon as the 2024 RM season opens). Adjustments to expiration dates have been made to staff that have completed backgrounds in the last 6 months.

3.) The Safesport credential will remain as an **ANNUAL REVOLVING** calendar year credential as it did in Sports Engine. Safesport training occurs in the following sequence by federal law: Core - Refresher 1- Refresher 2 - Refresher 3 - Return to Core. The grace period to complete Safesport has been **CHANGED** to 45-days in order to comply with federal law and USSF Bylaw 212-3. It is imperative that staff use their Legal Name, DOB and the SAME Email address for GotSport, Safesport & the Learning Center in order to ensure credential synchronization.

4.) Beginning with the 2024 season, there will no longer be any physical Risk Management cards. Because the system is now intergrated electronically and risk management status (including suspensions, revocations, etc.) reflects instantly in certified rosters the use of a physical card has become obsolete. The system also provides instant notification to club admins, staff and other necessary parties of status changes. NYSWYSA will continue to provide RM verification where necessary for tournament registrations and other activities which require RM validation for participation.

5.) If not already done, NYSWYSA strongly recommends that all Club members create/maintain a USSF Learning Center Account using the same email address as their GotSport account. This will help facilitate the credentialing requirement (already mandatory for Referees & Coaching Licenses) of the Introduction to Safe & Healthy Playing Environments which will be introduced later in the 2024 season. Instructions on creating a USSF Learning Center Account will be provided upon request.

More updates will follow as they become available. Questions as always can be directed to riskmanagement@nyswysa.org.



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