## [IMPORTANT] - 2025 Risk Management Update\_8-6-24

## To All Club Administrators, Registrars & RM Coordinators:

As you begin registrations and inputting Staff & Players into your Club accounts for the 2024/25 Season we wanted to send you some critically important reminders that directly affect Risk Management so that you don't run into issues with Staff & Player GotSport accounts:

1.) Background Screenings for Adult Staff, Coaches, Managers & Volunteers: The JDP Background Screening MUST be done from within GotSport. Adult Club members that already have USSF Learning Center accounts will see to an option for a Background Screening within the Learning Center. That screening WILL NOT meet the NYSWYSA Requirement. It is meant for National Coaches & Referees or for state associations that do not have their own Risk Management program. Please ensure your members follow the current NYSWYSA guidelines for Risk Management completion.

**2.) ADULT (18+ Years of Age) GotSport Account Email/UserIDs:** When entering new Adult members, they **MUST** have their own uniquely identifiable Email Address to use as a GotSport UserID. Generic and/or Shared Email UserIDs are not allowed for security and privacy reasons. This Email/UserID **MUST** be the same for both Safesport and the Learning Center. Users **MUST** use legal names and verified DOBs. Monikers, Nicknames, Initials, etc. are not allowed and will cause issues with risk management synchronization.

**3.)** PLAYER (17 Years of Age & Younger) GotSport Email/UserIDS: Player GotSport accounts fall under several different categories that can be confusing. These categories are outlined below for your convenience:

**A.) Players Younger Than 17 Years Old for 2024/25:** Unless the Player is a Referee or Assistant Coach (*see B below*) this Player's Email/UserID should be BLANK. They should be registered and/or entered under a Parental account which appears in the "Contact Email." **DO NOT** enter a Player using a Parent's Email/UserID. This will cause account conflicts across platforms.

**B.)** Players Who are Referees and/or Coaches (13 to 17 Years Old) for 2024/25: Players that meet this description **MUST** have GotSport accounts that meet the criteria listed in #2 above - Adults (18+ Years of Age). In many cases these Players will already have GotSport accounts that just need to be properly updated with their own Email/UserID. Errors encountered doing this should be referred to riskmanagement@nyswysa.org.

**C.)** Players 18 or Turning 18 Years Old for 2024/25: Players that meet this description will have to meet a mandatory Safesport Training Requirement for Risk Management. Their New or Existing GotSport record will need to be updated with their own Email/UserID. This Email/UserID **MUST** match their Safesport account. Do **NOT** use Parental emails or accounts for this Requirement.

Any questions can be directed to riskmanagement@nyswysa.org



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