

## **RULE 019. IYSA RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY – Updated 6/1/19**

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It is the policy of the IYSA to comply with all state and federal laws including but not limited to Public Law 115-126 Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 that was passed by Congress on February 14, 2018. Each IYSA Local Affiliated Organization (LAO) must maintain its own risk management program and comply with the SafeSport Act, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, IYSA Bylaws and Policies.

### **Statement of Requirements**

The IYSA requires all adult representatives, board members, administrators, employees, coaches, independent contractors, volunteers, referees, participants (collectively referred to as “Participants”) to submit and clear their background search through the SportsEngine link on the IYSA website prior to being authorized by IYSA or a LAO to have regular contact with or authority over an amateur athlete who is a minor and/or to have access to the data of a participant who is a minor. SportsEngine will determine the disclosure requirements and search procedures.

1. Adult referees are required to submit their search annually through the SportsEngine link on the IYSA website.
2. All other adult Participants must submit their search through the SportsEngine link on the IYSA website and every two (2) years thereafter.

IYSA requires each LAO to sign and submit to the IYSA prior to the start of the current league season, the most recent IYSA Organization Statement of Understanding and Agreement. Clubs must sign and submit the Agreement to their LAO(s).

### **Risk Management Coordinator/Administrator**

The IYSA will appoint a Risk Management Coordinator or Assistant Risk Management Coordinator. The Assistant will not be involved in any examination of documents or decisions, unless the Coordinator is not able to perform the functions designated. The State President will make the decision to have the Assistant involved in the process. The Risk Management Coordinator is to apply the standards contained in this document impartially and fairly along the strict guidelines included herein.

Each LAO shall in turn designate a Risk Management Coordinator for that organization to supervise the implementation of this policy at the league/club/person level. It shall be the responsibility of the club to ensure that all adult participants involved in that club have been submitted to the league and are cleared to participate in IYSA and LAO programs. Each league shall in turn certify to the IYSA that each of its members has strictly adhered to these requirements. In order to preserve confidentiality, the IYSA and the league’s Risk Management Coordinator and Administrator will be the only other persons who will have access to its background checks.

### **Disqualifications from Programs Operated by IYSA or LAO**

SportsEngine will determine participation based on the required National Council of Youth Sports

(NCYS), US Soccer and US Youth Soccer screening criteria.

No person who has been convicted within fifteen (15) years of submitting the most recent background screen shall be allowed to participate in any program directly or indirectly overseen by the IYSA, including its affiliated leagues, clubs, teams, and or/organizations (“LAOs”) if he or she has been convicted of murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, arson, burglary, manslaughter, extortion, indecent liberties, incest, vehicular homicide, prostitution, corruption of a minor, unlawful imprisonment, sexual exploitation of any person, child abuse or neglect, child molestation, sexual misconduct with any person, possession of electronic or internet pornography, distributing unlawful drugs, providing alcohol to a minor, violation of any restraining order, or any crime of physical violence.

Any person so disqualified may appeal to the IYSA Risk Management Committee (“RMC”) for a waiver of the disqualifying condition based on facts and circumstances unique to the basis for the conviction. The decision of the Risk Management Committee, with or without a formal hearing, shall be binding.

Any person participating in any IYSA program who becomes a defendant in any litigation, the outcome of which would subject the litigant to exclusion under this policy or any litigation based on activities otherwise detrimental to the welfare of minors shall be subjected to disqualification from all soccer-related activities until such litigation is resolved by court order. The phrase “matters detrimental to the welfare of youth players” shall include all the offenses listed in this policy and may be extended to include other crimes or charges of moral turpitude. For purposes of this policy, the phrase “a defendant in litigation” shall include the arrest, indictment, citation or equivalent “formal charge” of any adult person for any crimes or other offenses listed above. The IYSA RMC will determine the period of suspension.