

NEW BEDFORD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION KIDSAFE PROGRAM POLICY AND RULES

The intent of this policy is to reduce the risk of a youth member of the New Bedford Youth Soccer Association (NBYSA) from becoming a victim of sexual or physical abuse during program participation.

POLICY

The Board of Directors of NBYSA has approved the following policy:

NBYSA will take every reasonable effort within the Kidsafe program to exclude from program participation (not to be confused with parental responsibilities affecting their own child) any adult with a legally documented history of sexual abuse, violence or other record that would bring an unnecessary risk to the health and safety of our youth members.

Every person wishing to apply for a position as a coach, volunteer, program administrator or any other position within NBYSA must pass a screening process as outlined below:

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from participating and/or serving as a coach, volunteer, program administrator or any other position within NBYSA if:

- 1. the person has been convicted (including crimes the record of which have been expunged, pleas of “no contest” or pending cases which have been continued without a finding) of any crime of violence against minors, or any crime which indicates the person may pose a risk to the safety and well being of children under his/her direction and /or stewardship, including but not limited to:**
 - a. Indecent assault and battery on a child under fourteen. C.265, sec. 13B**
 - b. Indecent assault and battery on a mentally retarded person. C.265, sec. 13F**
 - c. Indecent assault and battery on a person who has attained the age of fourteen. C.265, sec. 13H**
 - d. Rape. C. 265, sec. 22**
 - e. Statutory rape. C. 265, sec. 23**
 - f. Rape of a child under sixteen with force. C.265, sec. 22A**
 - g. Assault on a child with intent to commit rape. C. 265, sec. 24B**
 - h. Assault with intent to commit rape. C. 265, sec. 24**
 - i. Kidnapping of a child. C. 265, sec. 26 and 26A**
 - j. Distribution and trafficking of narcotics or other controlled substances. C. 94C, multiple sections**
 - k. Lewd and lascivious conduct. C. 272, sec. 35**
 - l. Open and Gross lewdness. C. 272, sec. 16**
 - m. Unnatural and lascivious acts with a child under sixteen. C. 272, sec. 35A**
 - n. Violation of a restraining order involving physical or sexual abuse of a child. C. 208 and 209A, multiple sections**
 - o. Assault and battery of a child; liability of a person having custody. C. 265, sec. 13J**
 - p. Intent to commit any of the above offenses**

2. It is determined that: he/she has been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children, is subject to any court order involving sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, has had his/her parental rights terminated for reasons involving sexual or physical abuse of children; or
3. NBYSA or any one of its members comes into possession of verified information that he/she has: a history with another organization(volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors, resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to verified complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors.

The following information shall be gathered and used in the screening process:

1. A volunteer Disclosure statement must be completed and signed by all referenced personnel.
2. A Criminal Offender Record Inquiry (CORI) shall be obtained and annually reviewed by CORI.
3. Information from appropriate agencies that is relevant to the purpose of this committee.

NBYSA shall appoint a Risk Management Coordinator who shall ensure the screening process be completed on all coaches, volunteers, program administrators or any other position within NBYSA. The Risk Management Coordinator shall maintain all screening forms and information derived from such inquiries in a secure location.

Individuals who fail the screening process, that is, refuse to complete and/or sign the Kidsafe Disclosure Form, or for whom an unfavorable response is received as a result of a CORI type inquiry, shall not be accepted into NBYSA or be allowed on the property hosting an NBYSA event.

If the individual's record indicates risk to youth, the Risk Management Coordinator shall notify the individual in writing that he/she is prohibited from participation in NBYSA.

RULES

Coaches:

1. Only those individuals who have been cleared through the Kidsafe program may assist with our youth members during practice and games.
2. Do not allow any individuals to include parents on the field of play or within the players' side of the field. Instruct individuals/parents to remain on the "parent" or "spectator" side of the field during games. No crossing of the field allowed.
3. Do not allow individuals/parents to participate in practice sessions (unless cleared through the Kidsafe program). Inform individuals/parents that during practice they shall remain in designated locations and should not enter the practice field

Parents/Spectators:

- 1. During games do not enter the field of play, do not enter the players side of the field, or cross the field at any time. Remain on the “spectators” side of the field at all times.**
- 2. Do not enter the field of play during practice sessions. For the safety of all the children remain in an area designated by the coach.**
- 3. Parents wishing to volunteer and assist the coach during practice must be cleared through the Kidsafe program prior to participation.**

**PLEASE ASSIST US AND COOPERATE WITH
OUR KIDSAFE PROGRAM GUIDELINES SO
WE ALL CAN PROMOTE THE HEALTH,
SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF OUR
CHILDREN IN THE GAME OF SOCCER**

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