



KYSA Risk Management
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13 things your Association can do to reduce the risk of sexual exploitation of children

1. Never fill your coaching slots with a "warm body". Check background, experience and history of a volunteer.
2. Don't allow an adult to come, unsolicited, into your league solely to coach children of a particular gender or age.
3. Create structure where multiple adults share responsibility for the well being of each team.
4. Follow up on players who leave a team without explanation. Minimally, a phone call asking about the reasons is essential.
5. Educate parents about the expectation that they will raise issues to the coach or club to assure that issues are properly addressed.
6. Have a strong and vigorously enforced rule prohibiting fraternization.
7. Prohibit gift giving by volunteers that is excessively lavish or is not equal amongst the entire team.
8. If there is a concern about the motives of a new or unfamiliar coach, consider asking more experienced coach to co-coach for a few sessions with the coach and to mentor the new coach.
9. Require all team travel to be preceded by a plan for lodging, supervision and other details, and to be signed by all parents and players.
10. No club volunteer should be alone in the front seat of a vehicle with a child who is not part of his or her family or household.
11. Avoid being isolated with a child, or leaving a player unsupervised.
12. Do not let volunteers who are not approved by KYSA risk management be active in your league.
13. Check local police agencies for a list of convicted sex offenders before and after each session.