

## **WVSA Bylaw WVSA Prohibited Conduct Policy 2.1.13.9 Per US SOCCER 212-3**

### **WVSA Risk Management Program 2/4/2019**

#### **WVSA Risk Management bylaw 2.1.13.9**

##### **Present bylaw**

2.1.13.9 Require each person listed in 2.1.13.3 to complete the volunteer/ staff disclosure form, and submit the forms to the Executive Director and to complete the required Risk Management Program and the Safe Kids program as approved by the WVSA Board of Directors.

2.1.13.9.1 WVSA will deny membership or employment or dismiss any persons convicted and suspend any person arrested for child abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse or any felony or other crime which is detrimental to soccer players, in accordance with WV Law, USYSA, USASA and US Soccer bylaws, policies and procedures.

##### **How the bylaw would be changed**

1. All WVSA officers, coaches, managers, referees and volunteers that may come in contact with youth soccer players must complete the Risk Management application on the online registration form. information must be updated each seasonal year (fall/spring) so your information and assignments are correct in our soccer database
2. All WVSA coaches, referees, team and club officials that may have contact with WVSA Youth Players must comply with the US Soccer and WVSA Athlete and Participant Safety Policy.
3. WVSA will deny membership or employment or disqualify any persons convicted and suspend any person arrested for child abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse or any felony or other crime which is detrimental to soccer players, in accordance with WV Law, USYSA, USASA and US Soccer bylaws, policies and procedures.
4. WVSA will also review and may make a decision to disqualify a member from participating WVSA in programs of WVSA or its members clubs, when receiving credible accusations of sexual misconduct outside of the background checks.
5. Persons denied Risk Management clearance may appeal the disqualification to WVSA. Contact Dave Laraba, 304-654-1849 [dave@wvsoccer.net](mailto:dave@wvsoccer.net)
6. WVSA and all WVSA Member Organizations will ensure that all members and staff comply with WVSA Risk Management Policies and Procedures as published in WVSA Administrative Rule Book Chapter 8.

### **8.1 US Safe Sport – Outline of Authority and Responsibilities**

### **8.2 WVSA Risk Management Program Policies for Athlete and Participant Safety**

1. WVSA Athlete and Participant Safety Policies
2. WVSA Prohibited Conduct Policies
3. WVSA Policies to limit one on one interactions between Adults and Minors.
4. US Soccer Safe Sport Handbook
5. US Soccer Bylaw 212.3

### **8.3 WVSA Risk Management Program Concussion Management Policy**

1. WVSA adopts the US Youth Soccer Concussion Management Program for;
  - a. All WVSA State Cups
  - b. All WVSA Sanctioned Club Tournaments and Events
  - c. WVSL
  - d. WVSA ODP
  - e. WVSA Member travel clubs
2. WVSA Recommends strongly that Recreation members adopt this policy for all games.
3. All WVSA members that are required to undergo background checks must complete an online Concussion Management Course offered free by US Youth Soccer/CDC or NFHS when they are completing the background check.
  - a. WVSA will place links in WVSA programs on the WVSA Website for the online courses.
  - b. Members must complete the course and turn in their proof of compliance to their club.
4. WVSA members must make the US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol and Notification form available to all members.
5. WVSA Clubs must send a copy of the US Youth Soccer Concussion notification form to the players parents and to WVSA RM Coordinator.

### **8.4 Goal Safety**

All WVSA member organizations must comply with WVSA and USYS Goal Safety Guidelines.

1. Goals shall be securely anchored when in use, and the anchors used shall be of a safe construction.
2. Goals that are located off the fields shall be secured when not in use to ensure they cannot blow, fall or be pulled over.
3. Goals should not be left on fields when not in use unless the goals can be secured in a manner that will not allow them to be moved without club supervision.

[Links to Goal Safety Information](#)

### **8.5 Heat, Cold, Lightning and Player Safety**

1. All WVSA and all WVSA Member Organizations shall educate their staff, and members on these issues

2. All WVSA and all WVSA Member Organizations shall establish policies to ensure the safety of their players.

3. Links to Player Safety Information

## **8.6 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**

1. USYSA provides some guidance and examples of how to protect information for children.

[http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/1/08\\_Risk\\_Mgmt\\_website\\_workshop%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/1/08_Risk_Mgmt_website_workshop%20FINAL.pdf)

2. Recommendations:

- a. Be sure your website is COPPA compliant!
- b. Do not put pictures that identify children by name on the internet.
- c. Do not put practice schedules, times and locations on the internet.
- d. Do not put names, phone numbers and emails of children or families on an unsecured internet
- e. Communicate by e-mail, not by web sites.
- f. Albums and video are better sent as attachments or secured via secured site.
- g. Many vendors provide password protection. Pictures, rosters, field/game directions all need password protected