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Dear Ohio North Adult Members:

As a follow up to our previous communication regarding recently enacted federal legislation ([S.534](#)), our Association must offer and provide consistent training to Adult Members who are in contact with amateur athletes who are minors. Currently, there is no mandated training provider. Ohio North is aware of several program options for awareness/prevention training of sexual abuse. Ohio North recommends our Adult Members complete the online training modules provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. The online awareness/prevention training is offered and provided at no cost to Ohio North Adult Members.

This awareness/prevention training consists of three (3) training modules which include: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Mandatory Reporting and Emotional and Physical Misconduct.

It is highly recommended that all clubs and leagues have all adults who are in a position to have contact with a minor taking the training course. [Click HERE](#) for information on accessing and completing the training.

Currently, the U.S. Center for SafeSport training modules are only available through accessing the [U.S. Center for SafeSport website](#). Ohio North Adult Members who complete the training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport's website should upload a copy of their completed certificate through Ohio North's online registration system(s).

Both U.S. Soccer and US Youth Soccer are developing a strategy to help all State Associations understand, communicate and manage their abuse prevention programs. The new law states that the U.S. Center for SafeSport shall develop training, oversight practices, and policies and procedures for implementation by a National Governing Body. This work is in progress and will be communicated when available. Ohio North will update you on any changes to our rules and policies as and when they occur. Meanwhile, all current information distributed from Ohio North can be found on our website under "[SafeSport](#)".

Sincerely,

Jen Fickett
Executive Director

CC: Ohio North Board of Directors

