

Wayzata Soccer Club

Risk Management Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who is required to submit an Informed Consent form?

Any adult that works directly with players who are members of the WSC. This includes all coaches, trainers, team managers, board members and some parent volunteers. This must be submitted on an annual basis and must be on the approved MYSA **Adult Registration/Informed Consent Form**. Specifically:

1. Coaches, assistant coaches and coaching related positions
2. Trainers
3. Team managers / Responsible adults affiliated with team
4. Board of Directors or managers of all Affiliated Members, leagues and organizations associated with MYSA, including those serving on the MYSA Executive Board and Youth council and District Operating Committee Members.
5. All employees of MYSA
6. All independent contractors who enter into contracts with MYSA, if they have contact with those identified as “players”.

What information will be checked?

The background check is intended to identify any person convicted of a crime against persons, a crime of violence or the sale of illegal substances within the last 15 years.

What happens if my check comes back positive?

If the background check results in information deemed unacceptable according to the guidelines listed above, the MYSA coordinator will contact you and you will be given an opportunity to explain misunderstandings or inaccuracies in the report. If background checks reveal convictions of any crimes within the past 15 years from the date of application, the person’s application shall be rejected or she/he will be dismissed from any position she/he holds in the organization. Any convictions occurring more than 15 years ago may be considered by the Risk Manager in determining the applicant’s suitability for the position, but will not automatically disqualify the application.

The form says Minnesota; what if I am a resident of Wisconsin?

Wisconsin residents require a different form. This form is located on the MYSA web site at Policy/Forms then select Risk Management. Page to the bottom of the policy and select the Informed Consent Disclosure (WI).

How can I keep from mistakenly being accused of harassment?

The easy answer to this question is to avoid putting yourself in a position where you could be accused of harassment. Some suggestions include:

- Avoid being alone in a non-public place with a player. If a player’s parent is late picking she/he from practice, do not wait in your car. Remain on the field.

- If you must drive with players in your car, (we do not encourage this) have them sit in the back seat. Avoid having a player that is not your child in the front seat with you.
- Never allow a player to stay in your room when traveling out of town. Avoid one-on-one meetings with players in your room and in all cases, keep your door open.
- Let your language set the tone. Avoid profanity, as well as demeaning or abusive language. Never use language that could be construed as discriminatory.
- Above all else, use common sense. Avoid any situation that could be misunderstood by a player or parent.