



# KANSAS STATE YOUTH SOCCER

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## **Kansas State Youth Soccer Association- Prohibited Conduct & S.534 Compliance Policy**

To prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorizes and for other purposes.

### **Purpose:**

Kansas State Youth Soccer Association (KSUSA) takes a firm stance against abuse of any kind directed at children. KSUSA prohibits any and all forms of child abuse. This policy applies to both Adult Members and Youth Participants of KSUSA.

For the purposes of this policy, Adult Members shall be considered any coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, referee, KSUSA affiliate organization Board of Directors member, KSUSA administrator, KSUSA Board of Directors member, contract labor employee, or any other individual over the age of 18 seeking affiliation with KSUSA or KSUSA affiliated members who has direct or indirect contact or influence on a Youth Participant.

For the purposes of this policy, Youth Participants will be considered any registered player of KSUSA.

### **Mandatory Reporting:**

Pursuant to the Protecting Youth Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 (S. 534), KSUSA and all Adult Members of KSUSA who are permitted to interact with Youth Participants will report ANY suspected child abuse to the proper authorities, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours of receiving the allegation. All Adult Members of KSUSA are mandated to report any suspected child abuse regardless of the circumstances in which they received the information.

All KSUSA Adult Members and Youth Participants who, acting in good faith, make a report or otherwise provide information or assistance in connection with a report, investigation, or legal intervention shall be immune from civil and criminal liability arising out of such actions (per the Protecting Youth Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017).

### **Toll-Free Confidential Helpline:**

KSUSA will facilitate and promote an avenue to report claims of child abuse. A toll-free confidential helpline will be established where trained professionals will field reports of any suspected child abuse.

Praesidium Inc. will operate a toll-free confidential helpline as the front-line of reporting allegations of child abuse. Praesidium will NOT contact Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement on KSUSA's or the reporter's behalf. Their trained professionals (Safety Annalists) will receive all allegations of child abuse and provide recommendations to both the provider of the information and KSUSA. KSUSA will receive periodic reports of all submitted allegations of child abuse and refer them to the proper authorities (this does not replace the mandatory reporting responsibility of the Adult Member).

The helpline details will be communicated to all KSUSA members (coaches, managers, Board Members, players, etc.) four (4) times annually via email. Praesidium's trained Safety Analysts will be available seven (7) days per week to receive abuse allegations as well act as an open line of communication for individuals who have seen or

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heard something suspicious, inappropriate, or of concern.

## **Prohibited Conduct:**

KSUSA prohibits abuse of any kind on the part of Adult Members directed at Youth Participants and/or Youth Participants directed at other Youth Participants. Abuse may include but is not limited to:

- Physical abuse
- Mental/emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Intimidation
- Bullying
- Hazing
- Cyber bullying
- Internet crimes

Reports of abuse obtained by KSUSA may result in suspension, revocation of an Adult Member's Risk Management status, expulsion from a team, club, league, or KSUSA entirely.

## **Individualized Contact Ban:**

KSUSA prohibits any individualized/one-to-one contact between Adult Members and Youth Participants. This includes but is not limited to individualized/one-to-one: trainings, practices, transportation to and from KSUSA sanctioned events, phone calls, emails, text messages, and social media messages. Any communications between Adult Members and Youth Participants shall be public in nature (i.e. group messages). Should KSUSA receive information regarding inappropriate individualized/one-to-one contact the individual may face possible suspension, revocation of an Adult Member's Risk Management status, expulsion from a team, club, league, or KSUSA entirely.

## **Online Sexual Abuse Training:**

KSUSA will provide and distribute an online sexual abuse training to all Adult Members. The training will have no cost associated and will cover information valuable to Adult Members as they interact with Youth Participants. The training is mandatory for all Adult Members.

KSUSA will utilize US Youth Soccer's sponsored Abuse Prevention Systems online training for sexual abuse prevention. Dr. Gregory Love, Abuse Prevention Systems founder, has developed this training specifically for youth sports. KSUSA mandates that all adult members complete the Abuse Prevention Systems training for sexual abuse prevention.

It is the responsibility of KSUSA affiliate members to submit names and email address to KSUSA of those Adult Members that need to complete the training (Adult Members in GotSoccer).

## **Amendments:**

The KSUSA Board of Directors reserves the right to update, modify, or change this policy by a majority vote of

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those voting member then in office at any time without notice.