

Safety Plan

The following shall serve as the safety plan for the Claremore soccer club

A. Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Statement Requirements:

1. Every person wishing to serve either as a paid or volunteer position as a coach either recreational or advance, the club staff and board of directors must complete an Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Statement. This includes assistant coaches. A current U.S. youth soccer form can be used.
2. The clubs can expand a disclosure requirement at their discretion to include anyone who at any time could be expected to be in contact with youth players. This includes any adult who may transport children to and from soccer related activities.
3. Disclosure Statements are to be completed and retained by the club for
 - a. Any person initially applies for a position;
 - b. Every year after initial acceptance, the Disclosure forms shall be filled out by all personnel previously accepted;
 - c. When a person changes clubs a new statement is required and to be completed by the new club
4. Immediate denial of acceptance shall be exercised on the following conditions:
 - a. Intentional falsification of information under Disclosure Statements
 - b. Refusal to complete a disclosure statement
 - c. Refusal to submit verification of information

B. Background check requirements:

1. Background checks shall be conducted on all people identified in section A above
2. Background checks shall be in a manner required by the risk management coordinator of the club or as prescribed by U.S. Youth Soccer national background check.
3. Background checks shall include a search of sex offender registry, as well as criminal convictions:

- a. Any person convicted of a sex offence shall be disqualified from serving as a volunteer or employee of the club.
- b. Anyone convicted of a felony or violent misdemeanor shall be disqualified;
- c. Any conviction of a non-violent misdemeanor shall be determined by the risk coordinator of the club and presented to the board whether or not acceptable and submit to the insurer of the club for coverage opinion.

C. Head coach Safety Requirements:

1. The head coach from each club shall ensure that any adult transporting children to soccer related activities has a proper driver's licenses and valid insurance.
2. Neither the coach nor any adult shall be alone with any of the players without another player or adult being present.
3. Coaches shall refrain from texting, emailing or communicating with individual soccer players except for soccer related activities.
4. If any player sustains an injury during the course of the game and the injury is serious enough to leave the game, the player shall not return to the game until medically cleared.
5. Any player sustaining a head injury or the coach believes to have a head injury shall be immediately pulled from the game by the coach and shall not return to the game or soccer related activities until cleared for concussions by physician.
6. Coaches shall follow all safety precautions of the club which includes adhering to the club's lightning policy and any decisions made by the board regarding player's safety.
7. During the games, the blowing of a single horn requires the coach to immediately clear the field and players and not return to the playing field until two horns are blown indicating all clear.
8. Coaches shall immediately stop practice upon visible lightning. A coach shall not have practice if weather conditions are dangerous including frigid conditions, excessive heat and inclement weather.
9. Coaches shall respect the referee, the A.R., the opposing team and opposing coaches at all times and shall encourage their players and parents to do so as well.