

RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND INFORMED CONSENT
FOR
MINNESOTA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (MYSA)
GRANITE CITY SOCCER CLUB (GCSC)

Purpose: To protect and provide a safe and healthful environment to the players participating in MYSA' s sanctioned Affiliate members, leagues, programs and tournaments.

Background: As awareness increases about the risks associated with individuals working with children, MYSA has developed a program outlining safety guidelines and procedures.

Applicability: The policy applies to any of the following that have regular contact with those defined as "Players," as stated in the Player/Adult Protection Guidelines (included below):

- a. Coaches, assistant coaches and coaching-related positions
- b. Trainers
- c. Team Managers / Responsible Adults affiliated with the team
- d. Board of Directors
- e. All employees of GCSC

GUIDELINES: These guidelines recognize that the lines of authority and separation between ADULTS and PLAYERS must be recognized and respected

I. Physical Contact

- a. **ADULTS** must be aware that any physical contact with **PLAYERS** can be misinterpreted. Physical contact should be limited to that necessary and appropriate to teach a skill, treat an injury, or console or congratulate a player
- b. Sexual contact of any kind or type is prohibited between **ADULTS** and **PLAYERS**, whether or not contact is consensual.

II. Social Contact

- a. **ADULTS** should not socialize or spend time alone with **PLAYERS** except at games, practices, or team functions.
- b. An **ADULT** in a one-on-one situation with a **PLAYER** is generally inappropriate.
- c. **ADULTS** should avoid instances such as driving alone with a non-family **PLAYER**. However, in the event that a **PLAYER** remains on a field waiting for transportation.
- d. **ADULTS** should stress with their **PLAYERS'** parents the responsibility for safe and timely transportation to and from the field..
- e. **ADULTS** should respect the privacy of **PLAYERS**.

III. Health and Well-being

- a. **ADULTS** share the responsibility for the **PLAYERS'** health while at practices, scrimmages, and games.
- b. Head injuries resulting in disorientation should result in a **PLAYER** remaining out of the game.
- c. **ADULTS** transporting players must model safe driving techniques and enforce seat belt .
- d. **ADULTS** need to be aware of signs of neglect and abuse (physical, emotional, or sexual) of the **PLAYERS**. Observations should be reported to the local law enforcement agency.

IV. Language

- a. Offensive and insulting language by **ADULTS** or **PLAYERS** is unacceptable. **ADULTS** should model good communication skills.
- b. Language that is denigrating in nature, content or tone or refers to one's gender, race, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or religion is unacceptable.
- c. Inappropriate language targeting officials, opponents, or spectators may be grounds for **PLAYER** penalties or **ADULTS'** removal from the game and/or the premises.

V. Violations

- a. Violations of these GUIDELINES by **ADULTS** or **PLAYERS** will subject them to disciplinary actions, including but not limited to, warnings, sanctions, suspensions or release by the Affiliate Member and/or MYSA.
- b. Appropriate legal authorities may be called upon based on the nature of the violation.

PLAYER/ADULT PROTECTION GUIDELINES
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

I/We have received and reviewed the **PLAYER/ADULT PROTECTION GUIDELINES**. I/We understand that our soccer club will use these guidelines as the basis for decisions made regarding the conduct of those who participate in coaching, training, or other activities that bring them into the direct contact with the youth of the organization.

Print Name Parent/Custodian: _____ Signature: _____

Print Player's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Age Group: _____