

ADMINISTRATOR ADULT ATHLETE INSTRUCTIONS

New Safe Soccer (Risk) Requirements Implemented During the 2021/2022 Seasonal Year

The "Adult Athlete" risk requirements are a national requirement that all members of U.S. Soccer (US Youth Soccer, US Club, AYSA, SAY, etc.) must implement by January 1, 2022. We understand the impact this has on our members and how challenging these requirements are. As a member benefit, OSA is here to help you and your "Adult Athletes" complete this process.

"Adult Athletes" (defined as "Adult Participants") are athletes who are **18 years of age or older** who have regular contact participating on teams with "Minor Athletes" (this includes, but is not limited to training, scrimmages, games, etc.). "Adult Athletes" must complete a background check (valid every two years) as well as the annual SafeSport training.

OSA will be working closely with our member leagues to implement this new national requirement. We appreciate everyone's efforts to help create a safe environment for all, free from abuse, and misconduct.

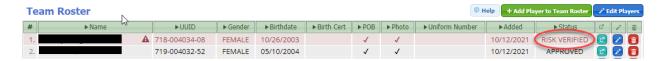
PLAYERS 18+ YEARS OLD OR WILL TURN 18 BY 6/15/2024 MUST COMPLETE PRIOR TO CARDING

Administrator Instructions

1. Club Admins will self-report their players' team statuses as "Adult Athlete" on the <u>State side</u> roster **PRIOR TO** approving and/or carding the entire team.



- 2. See <u>Adult Athlete Instructions</u> (different process than coaches/volunteers) and use the <u>Adult Athlete risk</u> template (spreadsheet) to provide OSA with the minimum information required to set up and/or confirm each players' risk accounts. OSA will then share your template back to you in real time for updates.
- 3. Once the "Adult Athlete" has completed their risk, OSA will change their "Adult Athlete" status on your <u>State</u> side roster to "Risk Verified".
- 4. Once "Risk Verified" your league can proceed to "Approve" or "Card" your players.



NEW: Players Turning 18-Years-Old During the Seasonal Year

- Will ONLY need to complete the SafeSport Trained-U.S. Soccer Federation 90-Minute Course.
- Parent/Guardian Consent **MUST** be obtained **AND** on file with **OSA PRIOR** to completing the course.
 - → Parent/Guardian Safe Soccer Consent Form
- Once consent has been received, OSA will mark accordingly in the shared spreadsheet, verify the Minor Athlete's risk account and notify the Minor Athlete his/her OSA risk application is available to complete.

If you have any questions regarding "Adult Athlete" requirements or would like OSA to help your "Adult Athletes" complete this process, please contact Jen Fickett <u>ifickett@ohio-soccer.org</u>.

OSA Resources: What is Safe Soccer | Adult Athletes | Background Checks | Safe Sport | Report Abuse