



Exeter-West Greenwich Youth Soccer Association Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy

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| Background | <p>On February 14, 2018, President Trump signed the “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017” (“the Act”) into law. The Act requires all adults involved with youth sports to be trained in Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention.</p> <p>Exeter-West Greenwich Youth Soccer Association (EWGYSA) has developed this policy to ensure child safety, in compliance with federal law and guidance from Soccer Rhode Island.</p> |
| Policy statements and associated procedures | <p><u>3 person rule</u> Policy Statement: Board Members, Coaches, Staff, and Volunteers must never be alone with a child, other than their own, during EWGYSA events. Another child or responsible adult should always be present. Procedure: Adults should proactively ask another individual to stay with them if it appears a child will be left alone with them, e.g. after a practice while awaiting the child’s parents to pick up. As outlined in The Act, the term “event” extends to practice, competition, tournaments, travel, lodging, transportation to and from events, and health or medical treatment.</p> <p><u>Mandatory Reporting</u> Policy Statement: Any allegation of sexual abuse or impropriety must be reported directly to Law Enforcement by the individual receiving the report as soon as possible, and in all cases within 24 hours. Procedure: In the event any person is made aware of an allegation of abuse or sexual impropriety involving a child in connection with an EWGYSA event, or otherwise, that individual should contact local Law Enforcement as soon as possible, but in all cases within 24 hours of becoming aware. Notification to the child’s parents and EWG Executive Committee should follow, but notification to Law Enforcement should never be held up pending notification to other parties. Notification to other parties does not relieve the reporter of the duty to contact Law Enforcement authorities.</p> <p><u>Confidentiality</u> Policy Statement: Any reports of sexual abuse or impropriety will be held in strictest confidence. Disclosure of information in relation to an incident will only be made to individuals with a need to know, and/or in accordance with the law. Procedure: Any inquiries regarding a report of sexual abuse or impropriety should be referred to the President of EWGYSA at president@ewgsoccer.org. In the President’s absence, contact the Vice President at vicepresident@ewgsoccer.org.</p> |



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| Training Requirement | Board Members, Coaches, and Staff will be trained in Sexual Abuse Prevention prior to engaging in EWGYSA events. For teams where a minor child is involved in the coaching, the adult coach on record must complete the training for the roster to be released. Rosters will not be released to coaches until evidence of training completion is recorded with the Registrar. |
| Exceptions to Policy | Exceptions to the Policy Statements outlined above are not permitted. Limited, time-bound exceptions to the Training Requirement may be made on a case-by-case basis, but must be approved by the President of the Association and reported to the Executive Committee. |
| Retention | Documentation related to a report or an incident will be retained with the Association Secretary for a period of ten years from the date of the initial report. |
| External References | S.534 text: https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s534/BILLS-115s534enr.pdf |
| Resources | Contact the SRI State Registrar for personalized training links. |

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