



Risk Management Application (RMA)

Please submit your RMA application at: **WYS Affinity Background Check**

All Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) sanctioned events and activities; including but not limited to practices, league games, tournaments and all State Cups are required to have organizational members, staff and employees SafeSport certified and an approved national background check in Affinity.

Organizational members include but not limited to:

- Volunteers
- Board of Directors
- Coaches
- Contractors
- Assistant Coaches
- Employees
- Administrators
- NON-certified referees who are minors

Any one in regular contact with amateur athletes who are a minor are required to have a SafeSport Certificate and approved RMA, prior to participation in any and all Washington Youth Soccer event or activity, per U.S. Soccer mandate Policy 212-3 and SafeSport Act 2017 Public Law (PL) 115-26.

RMA Applications and SafeSport Certification is required annually.

Please contact Keli Bitow at kelib@washingtoneyouthsoccer.org if you require assistance or have further questions.

Please note: USSF Certified referees complete the process through **Washington State Referees Committee.

About Risk Management:

Washington Youth Soccer's Risk Management program is in place to identify and assess potential risks for our soccer community and to then monitor and minimize the probability and/or impact those risks could pose. Managing risk ranges from making sure all players wear shin guards to providing background checks for all of our volunteers, coaches and staff. Our Risk Management Program includes the SafeSport Act of 2017 mandated by U.S. Soccer in 2019 and US Youth Soccer Kids Safe

Program which provides guidelines for creating the safest possible environment for our participants.

The objectives of the risk management program are:

To review and recommend policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our participants

To establish secure records and maintain the background check information for coaches, administrators, Board of Directors, volunteers, employees, staff and others who are entrusted with the supervision and care of players and participants

To provide policy recommendations and education for Washington Youth Soccer Member Associations to minimize liabilities and other manageable risks

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DARM Report:

The Disciplinary Action and Risk Management Report (DARM) is published monthly by US Youth Soccer. DARM reports are an effective and efficient tool for all membership, to assist all in defining and communicating expected behavior under the RMA program. Washington Youth Soccer is diligent in their fiduciary responsibilities to help evade the threats of harm to its participants. All information provided includes only discipline of three months or more or termination of membership or ban on membership.

If you have additional question about the DARM report please contact Keli Bitow at kelib@washingtoneyouthsoccer.org.