



Oklahoma Soccer Association

Risk Management Policy

I. Purpose:

To protect and provide a safe and healthy environment for all members participating in Oklahoma Soccer Association's (OSA) sanctioned clubs, leagues, programs, and tournaments.

II. Policy/Procedures

- a. The Oklahoma Soccer Association Vice President- Risk Management, shall serve as the State Risk Management Committee Chair.
 - i. Shall oversee and administer all aspects of Risk Management for OSA.
 - ii. Reference [U.S. Soccer SafeGuarding](#) as the primary reference text.
 - iii. Establish a Risk Management Committee (RMC)
 - iv. Shall assist in establishing policy and shall have authority over all risk management issues within OSA.
 - v. Establish deadlines for all OSA risk management materials
 - vi. Shall assist the RMC in management and communication at the local level.
 - vii. Develop a network with local coordinators for distribution of educational and instructional materials.
- b. All OSA board members, club officers, coaches, managers, referees, trainers, and any other adult volunteers who have regular contact or authority over any youth player must complete the OSA approved background check, SafeSport training, and HeadsUp training. Background checks must be completed every two seasonal years. SafeSport and HeadsUp must be completed every seasonal year.
- c. Subject to parent consent, youth participants that turn 18 during the seasonal year must complete, at the minimum, SafeSport training prior to the start of the seasonal year.
- d. All clubs must complete the [OSA Seasonal Risk Management Form](#) by September 1st each seasonal year.
- e. All clubs must designate a Risk Management Coordinator for the club.
- f. Decisions of the OSA RMC may be appealed to the OSA Vice President- Games, Discipline and Appeals following the [OSA appeals procedure](#).

III. Discipline

- a. Any club that fails to fill out the seasonal risk management form may be placed in bad standing and not receive any privileges and/or benefits of membership.
- b. Any OSA board member, club officer, coach, manager, referee, trainer, and any other adult volunteer that fails to complete the requirements set forth in Section II.b prior to being in regular contact with youth players will be suspended from all OSA activities until the requirements are met and a review conducted by the RMC for possible further sanctions.
- c. Any youth participant that turns 18 during the seasonal year that fails to complete the requirements set forth in Section II.c prior to being in regular contact with youth players will be suspended from all OSA activities until the requirements are met and a review conducted by the RMC for possible further sanctions.
- d. Any club knowingly allowing a coach, manager, volunteer, etc. to be in regular contact with youth players without completing the requirements set forth above may be fined and/or sanctioned by OSA as recommended by the RMC.