



**Parental Consent for SafeSport Training**

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

As you may be aware, U.S. Soccer’s Safe Soccer Framework, applicable to all Development Academy Clubs, (see [www.safesoccer.com](http://www.safesoccer.com) or [www.ussoccerda.com](http://www.ussoccerda.com)) provides that Development Academy personnel over the age of 18 and who have regular contact with athletes must undergo comprehensive background checks and training designed to prohibit misconduct. This training has been created by the U.S. Center for SafeSport (SafeSport), an independent national non-profit organization that develops policies and procedures to prevent the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of athletes.

In the coming months, SafeSport is introducing a new and innovative program for young athletes and their parents designed for youth of all ages, from pre-school to high school, to address how to keep kids in athletics safe, how to prevent abuse, and how to respond appropriately if abuse occurs. This additional training will be made available on-line to all Development Academy Athletes with parental consent.

In the meantime, U.S. Soccer is pleased to offer our current SafeSport training (the same training taken by adults) to any minor athlete in a Development Academy Club who submits the parental consent below.

We encourage you to submit this consent form to obtain the code, and to take the training alongside your minor child athlete. ***Please be advised that once athletes turn 18, they will be required to take this training before continuing their participation in the Development Academy***, and so we encourage all 17-year-olds to avoid any participation interruption and get ahead of the game by submitting parental consent and taking the training at their earliest opportunity.

**The training is free to all Development Academy participants.**

U.S. Soccer is committed to supporting an environment in which all participants in the soccer community, be they athletes, coaches, referees, administrators or volunteers, play an active role in creating an environment free from emotional, physical or sexual abuse, and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to increase your awareness of these important issues.

If you have any questions, please contact [academy@ussoccer.org](mailto:academy@ussoccer.org).

\*\*\*\*\*

**I hereby grant permission for my minor athlete listed below to take the on-line Core SafeSport Training provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.**

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact [academy@ussoccer.org](mailto:academy@ussoccer.org).

**Submit this form to [academy@ussoccer.org](mailto:academy@ussoccer.org) and the Club’s administrator to obtain your child’s code to take the Core SafeSport Training**