

VSSA- ADOPTED 24 MARCH 2022

Reporting procedure

Need a section on your website and need to let everyone know how to report:

You want to direct everyone to report directly to US Soccer or to SafeSport.

- 1) Need to list US Soccer hotline- <https://www.ussoccer.com/report-a-concern>
- 2) Safesport link- <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>
- 3) Need to also list the mandatory reporting obligation to local law enforcement. – wording from US Soccer is below.

MANDATORY REPORTING OBLIGATION UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Please be aware that under the *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017*, adults who work in youth sports that compete across state lines and/or internationally are “mandatory reporters” who have an obligation to report to **law enforcement** facts giving them a reason to suspect child abuse within 24 hours of becoming aware of the facts. **Reporting to U.S. Soccer will not fulfill your obligation under federal law—you must still report to law enforcement.** That said, we nonetheless encourage you to report to U.S. Soccer any conduct that could violate U.S. Soccer policy so that we may have the opportunity to address the issue separate and apart from law enforcement. Please see www.safesoccer.com for more information regarding our prohibited conduct policy.