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MEMORANDUM ON KIDSAFE PROGRAM

Dear Members:

Over the last year the Board of Directors and Staff have been working on creating a Kidsafe Program - Bylaw IV. This program is designed to bring Nebraska Soccer in compliance with national policies. The USSF and US Youth Soccer are mandating compliance for each State Association. Nebraska Soccer's Board of Directors took a lead role in bringing forward this very important bylaw.

Part of this bylaw requires that anyone that has interaction with youth under the Nebraska State Soccer Association or any of its affiliates fills out a Disclosure Form and that a random criminal history (background) check will be done. The State and National offices are mandating this program, not your local club/affiliate.

Your local club/affiliate has asked you to participate in this process and will hope that you will take a lead role in helping protect the youth players here in Nebraska. It will not take very much of your time to fill out the Disclosure Form. The information that you will submit will be stored on a secure server in California and any personal information on the form will not be visible to anyone other than the State Coordinator, Risk Management Committee and the venter selected to perform the back ground checks.

We are asking for your support of this program and below you will find the Mission Statement and Overview of the program. If you would like to see the complete program and bylaws by going to our web site at www.nebraskasoccer.org and click on the Kidsafe logo.

Mission Statement:

The Kidsafe Program is a program to foster safe circumstances for every person, and especially every child, who participates in a Nebraska Soccer Activity. It is designed to inform all volunteers, contractors and staff concerning the risks associated with youth programs. To promote health, safety and protection of children in the game of soccer, Nebraska Soccer has adopted the following objectives: To identify all volunteers, contractors and staff; To develop and communicate the Kidsafe Program Overview to all coaches and program administrators; To monitor the implementation of the above objectives. It is the intent of Nebraska Soccer and its affiliated organizations to exclude from participation in Nebraska Soccer or US Youth Soccer activities, at a minimum, all persons who have been convicted of crimes of violence or crimes against persons.

Overview:

All volunteers, contractors and staff will submit a Disclosure Form on-line at the State's web site. The State web site will be linked to the on-line registration provider's web site so that upon submittal of the form the registration program will know that the form has been submitted. When the form is submitted it will go into a Disclosure Form Database. If yes is checked on any of the background questions the State Kidsafe Coordinator will be notified immediately and they will review the form as required within the policy. The State Kidsafe Coordinator will check as necessary the Disclosure Form Database for compliance of all clubs or affiliates in entering their volunteers, contractors and staff. Effective January 1, 2005 no passes will be issued for coaches until they have submitted their Disclosure Form. Twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring there will be a random list of volunteers, contractors and staff selected from the registration software for criminal history checks (background). Each selection will consist of five (5) percent of names in the Disclosure Form Database for each club or affiliate. These names will be submitted for criminal history checks (background checks). If there are risk management concerns on any checks the State Coordinator will work with the Affiliate Coordinator to clear up any concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hulbert
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Nebraska State Soccer Association

