Dear (INSERT REGION) (INSERT AUDIENCE),

We hope this finds you safe and well. In 2021, the 2017 SafeSport Act expanded Mandated Reporters to include adults authorized to interact with children. Due to this expansion, that includes AYSO and it requires training on child abuse and mandated reporting.

As of January 1, of this year, U.S. Soccer will no longer allow equivalent training\* and has mandated SafeSport training.

AYSO will comply with the federal SafeSport training requirement and integrate with the U.S. Soccer Education and Learning Center as well as their Player Health and Safety Courses.

All volunteers will need to take the full training course in the first year, which is 90 minutes, and repeat it every three years, followed by annual updates in the in-between years, which are 30 minutes.

You will be able to access the SafeSport training by following these instructions:

1. Login to your Sports Connect account where you registered as a volunteer.
2. Click on the volunteer tab on the left-hand side of the screen
3. Click on SafeSport box
4. Click on Renew and Update
5. A screen will pop up where you will click on the “click HERE” link or copy and paste the URL into your browser to begin training

**Note: Youth Volunteers (anyone under the age of majority in your state) are not required to take this training.**

For more information and FAQs, please visit: <https://aysovolunteers.org/safesport-mandatory-training/>

If you have already taken it, those historic statuses have been brought over as of January 1, 2022 and will be reflected as a separate line item on the compliance.

**\*Please Note:**

* **At this point, AYSO Volunteers will still need to take AYSO’s Safe Haven course until otherwise noted.**
* **SafeSport is now a required certificate in the Association platform. In order to activate teams and print out official rosters your team admins will need to complete SafeSport.**

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you have any questions, you can email (INSERT EMAIL).

Best,