



Risk Management Summary

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The following is a summary of the Risk Management policy for RYSA. The source documents can be found at a number of locations on the MYSA web site. For specific questions contact Greg Opadahl

If the policies of MYSA and RYSA are in conflict, the MYSA policy shall supersede the RYSA policy unless the RYSA policy is the more restrictive of the two.

Reporting requirements to MYSA

The reporting policy applies to all staff and volunteers that have regular contact with those defined by MYSA as "Players"

If you are included in the reporting policy as defined above complete a background check

1. This is good from Aug.1 to July 31
2. The instructions are at [Background check instruction](#)
3. The web site is at [McDowell Agency](#)
4. For user name and password refer to your e-mail instructions or call the RYSA office.

Conduct requirements

Conduct is covered in the **PLAYER/ADULT PROTECTION GUIDELINES** section of the MSYA risk management document http://mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/risk_mgmt.cfm and includes:

1. Physical and social contact with players as defined in the above document with the following addition from RYSA
 1. RYSA has a one child two adult policy
 1. Avoid driving alone with a non-family player
 2. If you are the only adult present when the first player arrives, ask the parent to stay
 3. If you are the only adult present when the last player will be waiting on the field, ask the next to last parent to stay.
 4. It is preferred that a second adult is present during practice
 2. Language as defined in the above document
 3. Driving as defined in the above document
 4. Reporting abuse as defined in the above document

Player Safety and Medical Issues

1. A responsible adult, coach, team manager or similar, should have medical release forms for all player and every practice and game
2. A responsible adult, coach or similar, should be aware of any special medical issues for each player
3. The medical release form is at [Medical Release](#) Have it completed by your players parents before practice starts
4. Report any significant injuries at practices or games to RYSA using [Injury report form](#)
5. Practices should be only open to players on your team and eligible play-ups or the class assigned to you by RYSA
 1. Scrimmages and friendly games are permitted with other MYSA affiliated teams



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6. Dress should be appropriate for soccer
7. Jewellery is removed before practice and games
 1. Shin-guards are covered with socks during practice and games
8. Good hydration and nutrition should be encouraged with your players
9. Head injuries are potentially serious
 1. Any injury that results in disorientation or unconsciousness should at the least result in that player sitting the rest of that practice or game and possibly immediate emergency medical attention
 2. Parents should be informed of any head injuries

Weather

The MYSA weather guidelines are located at <http://mnyouthsoccer.org/weather.cfm> and includes the following:

1. Severe weather
 1. Clear the field
 2. Seek shelter
2. Lightening
 1. MYSA has a 30/30 rule
 1. If the time between lightening and thunder is less than 30 seconds, clear the field and seek shelter
 2. Do not resume play for 30 minutes after the last lightening event in the previous line
3. Hot weather
 1. If the air temperature is above 89F consult the MYSA document
4. Cold weather
 1. If the air temperature is below 46F consult the MYSA document

In addition the following is covered either in the above document or as part of RYSA risk management

5. Be sure to discuss weather concerns with the referee before the game
6. Inform the referee of any change in the weather that may require the center referee's attention during the game.
7. The health and safety of the players comes first. If you must unilaterally terminate a game or practice for safety reasons, RYSA will support that decision

Field Safety

The MYSA policy for goal safety and field conditions can be found at http://mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/safety_checklist.pdf and <http://mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/checklist.pdf>

A general statement of field conditions is also found at http://mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/risk_mgmt.cfm



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A summary of MYSA field safety recommendations and RYSA requirements follows:

1. Before every practice and game inspect the goal posts to insure that they are anchored.
 1. Do not play a game unless the goal posts are properly anchored
 2. Anchor goal posts before using them in practice
2. Inspect the condition of the field for holes, foreign objects, or other safety issues
3. Check the footing of the field
4. Practices need to be at RYSA approved facilities