

Referees: RM Process Question Clarifications

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There has been some initial confusion for a few people, so I thought it would be best to send out an email clarifying a few things:

* Everybody is listed as a "Coach" in GotSoccer. Please do not be confused by that. It is the correct designation for processing risk management if not using the GotSoccer Assigning system. This is why you appear in the "WNY Referee Association" group.

* The term "Risk Management" is a process that includes all of the following credentials and for this email I will refer to numbers 1 through 4 below as "required elements."

1 - "Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments" - This is required every year by minors and adults and is completed in the Learning Center

2 - "SafeSport" - This is only required for Adults and is required to be completed every year. This is completed in the Learning Center for referees.

3 - "Background Check" - This is a criminal record check and is only required for ADULTS. Once it is completed, it is good for 2 years. This is completed in GotSoccer.

4 - "NYSWYSA Minor (Under 18) Referee/Coach Parental Attestation" - This is only required for MINORS and **must be done every year**. This is completed in GotSoccer.

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You will notice once you complete each required element, it will tell you when your required element expires. You need to keep all required elements of "Risk Management" up to date in order to continue officiating. If any one of the required elements expires, then you are no longer cleared to officiate...even if this occurs in the middle of a soccer season. This is a US Soccer MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy) requirement. The good news is the system will send you an

email reminder well in advance of that happening. With that said, do NOT rely on the system. I would set a reminder in a personal calendar.

* For adults, when you log into GotSoccer and IF your "Background Check" is listed as "Fulfilled" and the "Expiration Date" (which is located just to the left of that) is a date in the future, then this required element is good for now BUT take note when it expires because you will have to log back in and renew it then.

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