

## TYSA MANDATORY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

TYSA has zero tolerance for abuse of Minor Athletes, as well as any Adult Participant. "Abuse" means sexual or physical abuse as all instances of Sexual Misconduct.

A report of abuse should be made when a person has "reasonable cause to" believe that a child has been abused by a parent, caretaker, or another adult. "Reasonable cause" means a suspicion founded upon circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a reasonable person to believe that something is true.

Reasonable suspicions of sexual or physical abuse/neglect should be reported within a 24-hour period of awareness.

## STEP 1:

If the abuse is being caused by the minor athletes parent/caregiver, then notify the State of Georgia's Division of Family and Child Services (DFCS) at <u>404-370-5066</u> or <u>1-855-422-4453</u>. If you feel that the child is in immediate danger, then call 911.

If the abuse is being caused by a coach, player or participant, then please call the Dekalb County Police, Tucker Precinct at <u>678-937-5301</u>. If you feel that there is an immediate danger then call 911.

## **STEP 2: Contact TYSA**

Please fill out the Incident Reporting Form and send to <u>SafeSport@tysa.com</u>. You may also contact TYSA at 404-984-7665.

The SafeSport Officer will contact Georgia Soccer with all the relevant information that you provide.

Individuals who wish to bypass TYSA (given the nature of the event being reported) can direct their concerns to Georgia Soccer's Risk Management's office. You can reach Cornelius Samuel at kinimam@comcast.net.

You may also contact National Governing Bodies:

US Soccer Integrity Hotline: by <u>electronic form</u> or by phone at 312-528-7004 US Center for SafeSport: submit via <u>Sexual Misconduct Incident Reporting Form</u>

## **Reports of other Policy Violations:**

Each Participant who witnesses or reasonably suspects violations of TYSA's Safe Soccer Policy, other abuse to minor Athletes, should promptly report such witnessed or suspected violations to the TYSA SafeSport Officer.