

**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (STYSA) AND AFFILIATES
COACH/REFEREE/TRAINER/VOLUNTEER/STAFF APPLICATION**

CHILD ABUSE STATEMENT

South Texas Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (STYSA) and its affiliates have a great deal of concern about the safety and abuse of children. As a person who is interested in the well being of children, we believe you are entitled to know how our organization is dealing with this critical issue. In addition, as an applicant for a volunteer/staff position with our organization, you need to know the measures we employ to protect children in our care, as well volunteers/staff, from this serious problem.

STYSA has adopted the USYS KidSafe program and it is our intent to make every reasonable effort to deny from participation any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another's person that would bring unnecessary risk to the health or safety of STYSA's soccer program participants. We will not tolerate the abuse of any child and will make an active effort to prevent child sexual abuse in our programs. We attempt to screen out molesters through a background check. We try to structure our activities so that volunteers/staff are not left alone with children. We take any allegations by children and others very seriously. We will refer allegations to the State law enforcement authorities for investigation and will fully cooperate in any investigation.

**CERTIFICATION / CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK /
AUTHORIZATION / WAIVER / RELEASE / INDEMNITY**

I certify that all of my statements on this application, the information provided, and attachments hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have not withheld any information that would affect my application unfavorably, if disclosed. I understand that any omission of facts or misrepresentation will result in my elimination from consideration for any volunteer or staff position with South Texas Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (STYSA) or its affiliates or, following acceptance of service, may be cause for the immediate termination of my relationship with STYSA or its affiliates. I further certify that I understand the intent of STYSA is to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another's person.

I acknowledge that STYSA or its affiliates will, and I hereby give my unconditional permission to STYSA and its affiliates to, inquire as deemed necessary into my prior employment, experience, relationships with others and background, including criminal background checks which may contain arrest and conviction data, plea bargains and any type of probation including deferred adjudication or "pre-trial diversion." I give my permission for the South Texas State Soccer Association, Inc to obtain information relating to my criminal history record from a background check vendor and/or licensed private investigator. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for a staff / volunteer position(s) with this organization. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee or volunteer here, the background history checks may be repeated at any time. I understand that a procedure is available for clarification and that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history if I dispute the record as received.

I hereby waive any right to assert that such investigation or request constitutes an invasion of my privacy. I recognize that such inquiries are in the interests of all persons involved in STYSA activities, and I fully consent to such investigations. I, the undersigned, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and representatives, do hereby remise, release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless any involved background check vendor and/or licensed private investigator, South Texas Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (STYSA), its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives, its affiliates and sponsors, and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives, as well as any third parties, if any, that STYSA or its affiliates contact, directly or indirectly, regarding my application to, or future services with, STYSA or its affiliates, from and against any and all causes of actions, suits, liabilities, costs, debts and sums of money, claims and demands whatsoever, and any and all related attorneys' fees, court costs, and other expenses resulting from the investigation of my background in connection with my application to become a volunteer/staff member.

I further agree to conform to the rules, regulations, and policies of STYSA and its affiliates and I understand that my service/employment and compensation, if any, can be modified or terminated, with or without notice or cause, at any time, at the option of either STYSA and its affiliates, or myself. I understand that no representative of STYSA has the authority to enter into any agreement for service/employment for any specified period of time, or to make any agreement contrary to the foregoing. I understand and agree that STYSA or its affiliates may, in their sole discretion, decline to accept my application for volunteer/staff services with or without cause.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CERTIFICATION / CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK / AUTHORIZATION / WAIVER / RELEASE / INDEMNITY, AND THAT I ACCEPT AND SIGN THIS FORM VOLUNTARILY.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

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