



S.534 Abuse Awareness Information

February 15, 2018, the S.534 Sexual Assault Bill was signed into law.

The Bill has a 3-pronged approach:

1. Any adult interacting with amateur athletes in the program have a duty to report abuse and/or suspected abuse within a 24-hour period. Every adult is a mandatory reporter.
2. The statute of limitations is extended to up to 10 years after a victim realizes he/she was abused.
3. Limits an athlete under the age of 18 from being alone with an adult who is not their parent/guardian.

As a member of Tennessee State Soccer Association, the following are the requirements:

1. Any complaint or reasonable suspicion of Sexual or Physical abuse/neglect must be reported within a 24-hour period awareness. Federal regulations state that reports should be made to a) local law enforcement, b) local child protective services, c) US Soccer and d) US Center for SafeSport.
2. The local phone numbers are as follows:
 - a. Franklin Police Department – 615-794-2513
 - b. Williamson County Sheriff – 615-790-5560
 - c. Williamson County Child Protective Services – 615-790-5965
 - d. WCSA Risk Manager – Mary K Anderson – 615-791-0590 or director@williamsoncountysoccer.com
 - e. TSSA Risk Manager – Don Eubank – EVP@tnsoccer.org or Hans Hobson – hhobson@tnsoccer.org or 615-590-2200
 - f. National Governing Body – US Soccer Integrity Hotline – 312-528-7004 – www.ussoccer.com/integrity-hotline - US Center for SafeSport – www.safesport.or/report-a-concern
3. Other forms of misconduct such as emotional abuse, bullying, hazing or harassment should be reported to the Risk Manager of WCSA – Mary K Anderson – 615-791-0590 or director@williamsoncountysoccer.com
4. [USYSA and TSSA Policy 3](#) – Code of Conduct aimed at preventing one-on-one interactions between an amateur athlete who is a minor and an adult is linked [HERE](#).
5. Prevention Training courses are available through Ministry Safe/Abuse Prevention and US Center for SafeSport.
6. No retaliation will be allowed to anyone who reports abuse and/or suspected abuse.