



## Preventing Child Abuse:

# Latest Federal Requirements Facing Youth Sports



On February 12, 2018, President Trump signed an Act creating immediate Federal requirements for Sports Organizations to take measures to prevent child abuse. This Act ([click here for summary](#)) is in direct response to the recent scandals that have rocked Youth Sports. The Act makes it a criminal offense for NOT taking the following measures - there is NO grace period, it is effective immediately. Penalties for NOT complying include potential criminal negligence claims or suits, fines of \$150,000.00, plus punitive damages<sup>1</sup>.

*The new law mandates the following for Youth Sport Organizations:*

1. Incident Reporting
2. Confidential Notifications
3. Abuse Prevention Training
4. Audit Trail & Reporting

### 1. Mandatory Incident Reporting

The Act requires Organizations to provide a tool for Mandatory Reporters to *immediately* report suspicions of abuse. The list of “Mandatory Reporters” now includes **any adult** authorized to interact with a minor athlete at a sports organization, facility, event, or treatment.

### 2. Consistent Abuse Prevention Training

The Act requires Youth Sports Organizations to provide consistent training on prevention and reporting of child abuse to all adult members who are in regular contact with minors/amateur athletes. Effective prevention training allows adults to see and recognize problematic behaviors before a minor is abused.

### 3. Confidential Notifications

The Act requires Organizations to provide a “mechanism for communication” for all participants and volunteers where they can confidentially report incidents of abuse, or suspicion of abuse.

### 4. Audit Trail & Reporting

The Act requires Organizations to establish “oversight procedures” to create records for each incident, including the responses taken follow acceptable procedures, and can be proven during “random audits” of the Organization.

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- Training Delivery / Tracking Training Certifications
- Automated Notifications
- Audit Trails, Reporting
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