



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION
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Dear Parents of AYSO Region 122,

You may have heard reports that AYSO has been sued by former players of Region 77 as a result of molestation allegedly committed by former AYSO coach Terence Stevens. Unfortunately, AYSO had no notice of any alleged misconduct committed by Terence Stevens until receiving notice of his being arrested for molesting a player in a different organization, which incident occurred after he had stopped volunteering for AYSO. Mr. Stevens is now in prison for molesting that player.

We are saddened any time we learn of a situation like this in any youth sports organization. AYSO was among the first youth sports organizations to implement a program to raise awareness of the importance of creating and maintaining a safe environment for AYSO players. Key components of this program include educating all volunteers about what AYSO refers to as Safe Haven concepts and the implementation of a background check process that attempts to ensure that the identity of every registered volunteer is compared against a nationwide sex offender registry every year. AYSO strives to have every volunteer comply with its Safe Haven program, from coaches to snack shack helpers.

Please know, AYSO remains committed to providing the best possible soccer experience for the families in our soccer community. Thank you for being part of the AYSO family.

Best regards,

John Maloney
Commissioner
AYSO Region 122

