

Sign Up as a Returning Volunteer

Since you are seeing this it means you are on the Santa Barbara Region 122 website and hit the “Volunteer/Sign-up for Classes” button and at the pulldown menu clicked on the third item “Instructions - Returning Volunteer on Sports Connect”, click on the blue link “here” which opened another tab so that you can have these instructions to get through registering.

Go back to the other tab now and click on “Santa Barbara’s Site with Sports Connect” at the “Sports Connect” link. That click then opened another tab that took you to the Santa Barbara Region 122 Sports Connect Home Page.

You will be on the Home Page for Santa Barbara on Sports Connect. You will have to “Login” which is in the upper right corner of the page. When you hit “Login” it will switch pages where you can enter the username and password you used previously and then hit the “Log In” button. If you do not remember one or the other, you can request info be sent to the email address you used to create the account.

This will take you to the “My Account” “Home Page”, with that highlighted on the upper left side of the page. Now hit the “Volunteer” tab button below. You will now be on the “Volunteer” page. It will tell you, “You haven’t signed up to volunteer! Click the button to the right to get started”. When you do this button it will take you to a new page “What would you like to do today?”. You are not registering your players. You will click on “Register Myself”.

It will then ask you which describes you best? You will click on “Volunteer or Team Staff” button. On the new page you will chose under Programs 1 (which is your only choice) the “View Divisions” button. That will expand the field and you will click on the “Volunteers including Board Members” box. Then the box titled “View Selected Opportunities” button will turn blue. Click on that button.

You are now on a new page. You can choose from Youth Volunteer, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Referee, Board Member or Volunteer. If you are more than one, you can pick more than one. I selected Head Coach, Referee and Board Member.

When you pick what you are by clicking on it, that button will flip over and give you 2 choices. Chose signing up yourself (not sign up a new user – I do not know where that goes) and click on it. Now Click on “Continue”.

It now takes us to a new page labeled “Nice, thanks for getting involved”. A blue circle will then spin a number of times will waiting to be processed.

On that page when it stops spinning, it will list the areas you volunteered in. Then it will ask you to verify your information. Since you are returning it will populate with the old values. Please update your info. Then based on my answers it wants some additional info such as my Middle Name. I only entered my middle name. As it turns out I did not have to enter that info since it did not require the other two fields. It has my previous Concussion and Safe Haven in the system (I will have to go back and do the update because they have changed).

It also has the new State Required “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” requirement with a “Plus” sign to drag in the form from completing that course. I did it without this so that I can do it later. It is now a State Law that you take this course. Since you are already in AYSOU which is your class records, once you take the course (if you take it through AYSOU) it will populate you into this course in the following week.

If you have this course through another organization, you can use the page you are on to enter a copy of that certificate since the courses across sports is the same as provided by the CDC.

It now wants me to read and sign 3 forms “AYSO Kids Zone Pledge”, “Covid-19 Assumption of risk...” and “Waiver, Consent Release Disclaimer and Assumption of Risk Agreement”. If you filled out for more than one position you will have to fill out those 3 forms for each one (I tried to do it for only the first one and denied me and marked the other two in red).

Then click on “Continue” at the bottom right. It allowed me to continue even though I do not have the Sudden Cardiac Arrest course yet.

It now takes me to the first page. It has me listed as a volunteer in the 3 areas. The page tells me what I need to be complete for my position. I need the Risk Status (Background Check) since it has a yellow triangle with an exclamation mark telling me I am not compliant. This means I do not have a current background check which is required. It also has the same marking for Sudden Cardiac Arrest. It tells me I am good for Concussion and Safe Haven. In reality I am not good since I have not taken the new update since both have changed since the last season. You will want to do this to protect yourself.

It seems I am done but I am clicking on the Risk Status to see if it takes me to a new screen to fill out the Background Check form. I did this by clicking on the box to the left of Risk Status and hitting “Renew & Update” at the bottom. ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HAVE BACKGROUND CHECKS.

It opened a new page over labeled “Certifications” click on the “Submit” button, Now, it asks me “Ready to Proceed?”, click on “Submit”. I did and it came back as (Submitted for the season). This is not the background check. What this will do is generate an email from National sending you the same link to Sterling as was sent last night with the exact same info from what I did above.

You need to fill out the background check to be a volunteer. Santa Barbara is paying for the background check. It was quick to fill out. I could not add my middle name. At step 4 it asks you if you want to help pay some of the cost. I answered no.

A new thing is that I have an account with Sterling. At the end they tell me I can access my account and share this background check with other organizations. So, if you volunteer with another organization, you can share this background check which is at level 2 which is a higher level than most require.

Since the Sudden Cardiac Arrest requirement is new because of a State Law, I went back to the volunteer page and clicked on the box for it and hit Renew & Update. As it turns out this is just a spot for me to upload the certification. You need to go to AYSOU to take the course. It can be used for other organizations. If you take it through AYSOU it will populate this info in your database.

Remember your Login and password for AYSOU.org is the same as for your Sports Connect account.