



United Soccer Alliance of Indiana
Excellence - Character - Community

Each season we send the below important information to each Club member. There are several very important links to KidSafe brochures. USAI KidSafe is at its core two things: parents are the primary advocates for their child's safety and an education program to teach each of us the modus operandi (how they groom children and parents) of child molesters. The idea is that it is possible these folks pass the criminal background checks we do for coaches and that if we each aware, we can watch for any warning signs and take immediate action.

USA Indiana has a zero tolerance policy against abuse [HERE](#).

If you have any concern, let us know. We can keep you confidential but tell us. We are a mandatory reporting agency.

Managing the Ultimate Risk [HERE](#).

US Youth Soccer RISK brochure 1 [HERE](#).

US Youth Risk brochure 2 [HERE](#).

Thank you.

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USA OF INDIANA KIDSAFE REMINDERS

Will you please read these important reminders for fun, safe days at Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, USA of Indiana Avon Soccer Complex, and USA of Indiana Brownsburg Soccer Complex?

USA of Indiana KidSafe: Since 1979, USA of Indiana has provided a safe playing environment for its children. Parents expect participation in youth sports will help their children develop emotionally, socially, and physically. Sadly, these benefits occasionally are overshadowed by damaging behavior of adults. PARENTS are the primary advocates for their children. No rule, law, or policy can replace a proactive parent.

Please never leave your children unsupervised.

*No Smoking / vaping of any kind. No Guns. No Drugs. **No Dogs (it's a health issue).***

Please remember everyone has an important role: Players play, Coaches coach, Refs officiate, and Parents cheer. These roles do not overlap. Goal is every child having fun every training session and game while staying safe.

1. EMERGENCIES. If you witness a medical emergency, call 911.

Then please alert an USA of Indiana Officer of the Day, if available, as USA of Indiana may be able to help direct first responders to the precise location. On your 911 call, please give the operator the name and address of the soccer complex and **field number** and as much of this information as you can:

Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex
7225 West 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46254
(W. 56th St. at Reed Road)

USA of Indiana AVON Soccer Complex
The Valley in Avon
6050 E. County Road 91N
Avon, IN 46123

USA of Indiana BROWNSBURG Soccer Complex
3400 N. County Road 600 E.
Brownsburg, IN 46112

2. Please allow enough time to get your player to his/her field at least 15 minutes early, so games may begin on time. Print a field layout map for your use. Field layout maps, map, directions:
<https://www.usaofindiana.org/fields>

3. On the field reminders:

a. The game is for the players to have FUN. They require very little coaching from the sidelines and then only from the Coach. **Only positive cheering with NO parent direction (shoot, pass, kick.) (Often parents shout the incorrect direction.)**

b. Risk: Only players and coaches on one side of the field.

c. Risk: Only players and coaches in between the dual fields and parents around all four sides.

d. USA of Indiana Community Recreation League 2-20 years old is: kids play nearly the entire game; parents don't yell at kids nor coach nor at each other; every game and training session is FUN; skill development is goal.

4. TRASH TALK: please carry all your trash off the soccer fields and place in trash barrels around the parking lot. There is no one to pick up your trash. Its good behavior to teach your children. (Coach: please inspect after your game and leave nothing behind but footprints.)

5. USA of Indiana works because of its dedicated volunteers. Your team is assigned a volunteer responsibility. Please ask your coach or manager for the day and time and then volunteer online to help to line a field, man the snack bar or pay the refs, help with pictures, awards or equipment. Volunteer on line <https://www.usaofindiana.org/resources/volunteer>

Want to help manage USA of Indiana? There is a position/task that matches your available time, talent, and treasure. Volunteer to your Coach, Team Manager, Commissioner, Board member, or Thomas Geisse. <https://www.usaofindiana.org/resources/volunteer>

6. How can USA of Indiana improve? Please provide your feedback directly to your child's coach or write an email to Administrator, Board member, or Thomas Geisse. USA of Indiana is a parent run Club and only improves with your valuable feedback. <https://www.usaofindiana.org/about/contact-us>

7. PARKING: Please read as goal is your family's safety and zero parking tickets for USA of Indiana members. PLEASE DRIVE VERY SLOWLY (5 mph) and watch for children at all times.

Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, USAI Avon Soccer Complex and USAI Brownsburg Soccer Complex: please park close to the car next to you to leave room for your teammates.

Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex:

Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex South lot: Please park only inside the painted lines. Please remain seated in your car until the car beside/behind you has come to a complete stop and its engine turned off. Park only in the gravel lot or grass overflow lot. Do not park along the main south entrance way. Rangers may ticket cars in No Parking areas including the grass parking islands. The outer road around the parking lot is one way only. Do not park on the grass islands as your car then blocks the free flow of traffic and emergency vehicles and may be ticketed and towed. Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex Grass Overflow Lot: Once the main south gravel lot is full, please use the grass overflow lot south of the Mayors Gardens.

8. THEFT VANDALISM: Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Despite regular Park Ranger patrols and security retained by USA of Indiana, prevention is key. Please don't bring valuables to any of the 4 USA of Indiana Soccer Complexes or keep them with you at all times.

9. All USA of Indiana members are part of Park Watch: please report all suspicious behavior to 911. If you discover graffiti or other evidence of bad activity, please contact Thomas Geisse. If you're witnessing unlawful activity and want an Indy Park Ranger to come to the Indy Park, the non-emergency dispatch number is 317-327-3811.

Dial 911 for all emergencies.

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT REMINDERS For Fun, Safe Days at USA of Indiana.

1. PLAYER SAFETY: You, the parent, are the primary safety advocate for your child.

a. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNSUPERVISED.

b. NO SMOKING of anything **AT ANYTIME AT THE SOCCER FIELDS**, including the parking lot.

c. No alcohol, No drugs. No guns.

d. NO DOGS on or near soccer fields. In addition to frightening some people, there is danger of dogs attacking strangers, plus it may be left to you to clear the fields of hazards before the game.

e. NO JEWELRY. No beads in the hair as this poses a danger for injury to your player and others. Tie off braids with a soft pony-tailer during soccer season.

f. Please do not allow your children to play near the ponds or the creek. Any soccer ball that ends up in water should be left for DPW or USA Indiana to retrieve it the next weekday.

g. RISK REMINDERS: <https://www.usaofindiana.org/resources/risk-management-parent-reminder>

It is everyone's responsibility to help protect our children from risk. **Please never leave your children unsupervised.**

USA of Indiana's Concussion Management USA of Indiana policies and procedures exceed Indiana state law. <https://www.usaofindiana.org/resources/concussion-resource-page>

Any athlete with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, urgently assessed medically, should not be left alone, and closely monitored on the sideline for any worsening of signs or symptoms. USA of Indiana POLICY: **Any athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from play at the time of the injury; and may not return to play until the athlete has received a written clearance by a medical professional.**

Tips to prevent larcenies from vehicles. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle and lock your vehicle. If you must leave your purse or valuables in the trunk, place them in the trunk before you park in the parking lot. Thieves may watch the parking lot for people placing valuables in the trunk of vehicles. Report suspicious subjects and behavior to 911 or USA of Indiana officer.

Concussion Management and Testing

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Each USA of Indiana travel coach must take the CDC's free, online CONCUSSION course. (Sign onto your Coach GotSoccer account prior to taking test. Concussion Course <https://www.usaofindiana.org/resources/cdc-concussion-course>

Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports is a free, online course available to coaches, parents, and others helping to keep athletes safe from concussion. It features interviews with leading experts, dynamic graphics and interactive exercises, and compelling storytelling to help you recognize a concussion and know how to respond if you think that your athlete might have a concussion. <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/>