

Good afternoon Coaches,

Thank you for volunteering to coach this Spring season. We appreciate the hard work you put in to make every season great for the kids.

Below are VERY important changes and updates beginning ASAP. PLEASE READ ENTIRE EMAIL.

In 2017 the Federal Government passed the Safe Sport Act. This Act is designed to create an organization that will regulate and issue policy in regard to protecting youth athletes in the U.S from abuse. USSSA has now made it a requirement that coaches must pass a background check through their approved software. The City of Rockwall is a sanctioned USSSA league. This means that in order to get your team registered with USSSA we need all coaches to pass USSSA's background check.

Here is the process for back ground checks this year:

- If you have already registered to be a coach and paid for your background check through TeamSideline, we will refund the \$20 back to the card you used for the transaction. The TeamSideline background check then becomes invalid, and the next step will be to complete a background check on USSSA's website (link attached below).
- If you have not registered through TeamSideline as of today as a coach, you will need to only register as a coach, THEN you will need to go to the USSSA's website to complete the background check (insert the link here maybe)

The only way to receive a coach's badge for spring of 2021 is to complete and pass the USSSA background check and email the results to athletics@rockwall.com. Please do NOT email those straight to me as I will not be able to get to other emails as quickly.

FAQs:

[Do I still have to register on TeamSideline even though I am not doing a background check there?](#)

Yes. In order to get coaches updates and access to your online roster you will need to register as a coach through TeamSideline.

[How much is the USSSA background check?](#)

\$13.50. This is a much less expensive background check for all coaches rather than the \$20.00 background check from TeamSideline.

[Will I have to cover my USSSA team registration fee now?](#)

No. The City will still cover that fee once you have been registered as a coach (completed the background check).

[Will the City reimburse my USSSA back ground check fee?](#)

No. The City will not be reimbursing coaches for the USSSA required background check.

[How do I know if I pass or fail the USSSA background check?](#)

USSSA will send an email to you once the results have come back.

[What do I do after I get that email from USSSA?](#)

You will need to forward the results to athletics@rockwall.com, please do not alter the email at all, just forward it.