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We are aware of a situation involving the arrest of a former volunteer associated with AYSO's Knoxville Region 279. We recognize how concerning this may be for families, and the safety and well-being of our players is always our highest priority. Parents or guardians with any concerns or possible relevant information are encouraged to directly contact local law enforcement.

AYSO's policy is to immediately review the status of any volunteer charged with inappropriate conduct and, if active, suspend that volunteer from participating in all AYSO activities pending the resolution of such charges. The former volunteer was inactive and was red flagged in AYSO's volunteer registration system upon notification of the arrest.

AYSO has long been committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all players. Key components of this program include educating all volunteers on AYSO's Safe Haven concepts ([AYSO Safe Haven & SafeSport](#)) and implementing a background-checking process to ensure that every registered volunteer is screened annually.

Our focus remains on providing children with the opportunity to play soccer in a safe, supportive, and positive environment, as outlined in [A Parent's Guide to AYSO – Overview](#).

