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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are pleased to provide each League with the policies to adopt so that each League may comply with the Safe Sports Act as of September 1, 2019 and to help each applicable team and player comply fully with the Safe Sport Act. We will work with the State Referee Association to make sure that the protections of the Safe Sport Act apply, in full compliance with its terms, to all players and referees to the maximum extent required by the Safe Sport Act.<sup>1</sup> We have all supported these basic principles over the years. We can now take further steps to implement these principles.

It is important that we all emphasize the six (6) fundamental parts of our compliance with the Safe Sport Act:

1. Prohibited Conduct Policy
2. Appropriate Background Screening
3. Education & Training
4. Reporting
5. Limiting One-on-One Interactions – Required Policies
6. Enforcement

Notwithstanding having new policies to adopt, it will take some time for full compliance. Each member of your Board is here to assist each league, team and player to achieve full compliance. **Each member of your Board is here to enforce the requirements of the Safe Sport Act.**

Merci Pace e salute

Pascal Paul Piazza  
President Texas-South

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<sup>1</sup> We are not applying the provisions of the Safe Sport Act beyond the scope of those provisions. Our policy is to implement the protections of the Safe Sport Act as to those persons protected by its provisions.