

AMITY TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC CLUB, INC.

**Mandatory Reporting Policy**

**PURPOSE:** The Amity Township Athletic Club, Inc. (hereinafter “Amity AC”) does not tolerate child abuse of any kind. It is the goal of the Amity AC to recognize and protect its minor patrons (children under the age of 18 years) from recognized child abuse. In recognition of the fact that child abuse can manifest itself or become obvious at events and activities that are operated under the Amity AC, the Amity AC has enacted this policy to apply to any and all activities that occur on Amity AC property or during an Amity AC governed or operated event including, but not limited to, all sports programs (i.e. soccer program, basketball program, lacrosse program, swim team, etc.) and all other activities taking place on Amity AC property (i.e. operation of the swimming pool, all charitable activities/fundraising events, property maintenance activities, etc.).

It is the further purpose of this policy to comply with any and all provisions of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Law (23 Pa.C.S. §6301 *et seq.*) which may now, or at any time in the future, be applicable to the Amity AC in any manner whatsoever.

**POLICY:** Any employee of the Amity Township Athletic Club, Inc. (including, but not limited to, any employees working at the swimming pool, or otherwise) shall immediately report to the President of the Amity AC when said employee has reasonable cause to suspect, on the basis of medical, professional or other training and experience, that a child under the care, supervision, guidance or training of that employee is a victim of child abuse, without limitation. Upon being notified of suspected child abuse by an employee, the President of the Amity AC shall make a mandatory report as set forth below.

Any volunteer of the Amity Township Athletic Club, Inc. shall make a report to the President of the Amity AC when said volunteer has reasonable cause to suspect, on the basis of medical, professional or other training and experience, that a child under the care, supervision, guidance or training of that volunteer (while volunteering for the Amity AC) is a victim of child abuse, without limitation. Upon being notified of suspected child abuse by a volunteer, the President of the Amity AC shall make an investigation of the circumstances, the scope of said investigation to be determined by the President, and based upon said investigation, the President shall make a determination if there is a reasonable basis for suspecting child abuse and, if so, shall make a formal report as set forth below.

For the purposes of this policy, child abuse shall be defined as set forth in Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Law (23 Pa.C.S. §6301 *et seq.*) or any similar subsequently enacted law. According to said law, child abuse includes any recent act or failure to act by a perpetrator which causes non-accidental serious physical injury, or non-accidental serious mental injury to a child under 18 years of age, sexual abuse or

sexual exploitation to a child under 18 years of age, and serious neglect. “Recent” as stated above shall mean an abusive act that has occurred within two (2) years from the date that ChildLine is called. There is no limitation as to when suspected sexual abuse took place. Child abuse also includes any recent act, failure to act, or series of acts or failures to act by a perpetrator that creates an imminent risk of serious physical injury to or sexual abuse or exploitation of a child under the age of eighteen (18) years.

### **HOW TO REPORT**

When a report is required by the President of the Amity AC under prior paragraphs, the President shall make said report immediately (within 48 hours of receiving oral report of the suspected abuse) in writing and orally. The oral report shall be made to **ChildLine** at **1-800-932-0313**. The written report shall be made on **Form CY 47** which is available through Berks County Children and Youth Services which is available for download at: <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/CYS/Pages/default.aspx>