

SAFESPORT YOUTH ATHLETE TRAINING FAQ

The following is intended to provide answers to frequently asked questions related to the SafeSport Youth Athlete Training courses.

How can a youth athlete register to take one of these courses?

A parent or guardian should create an account on behalf of their athlete and select the appropriate course. The courses are hosted on www.athletesafety.org.

Why can't a youth athlete register themselves?

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") exists for the protection of children, and applies to personal information collected online from children under 13 years of age, including personal information about themselves, their parents, friends, teammates or other persons. When COPPA applies, the collection of personal information from children requires certain notices to be provided to parents and certain consents to be received from parents. Please read more about our privacy policy here: <https://safesport.org/privacy-policy>.

How will we have proof of completion?

A writeable PDF certificate will be made available at the conclusion of each course. We advise that the parent and/or athlete create a certificate with their name to reflect their course completion.

Some of this information may be sensitive and triggering. Where can we direct youth athletes and/or their parents for help?

The SafeSport Helpline (run by RAINN) provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support. All services are anonymous, secure, and available 24/7.

If a report needs to be filed with the Center, anyone can report here: <https://safesport.org/report-a-concern>.

Are National Governing Bodies (NGBs) required to offer and give the Center's training?

No. You are required by federal law and the Center's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies to offer and give training on child abuse prevention to minor athletes, with parental consent. However, it does not need to be the Center's training. The Center's training does meet the requirement.

What are NGBs required to track?

NGBs are not required by the Center to track individual completions. NGBs are only required to track when and how the NGB offered the training to minor athletes.