

U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

WHY IS THE TRAINING NEEDED?

The first step in addressing abuse of minor athletes is to ensure awareness of what abuse is, how it's likely to occur, signs it is occurring, prevention, etc. Per the requirements of the [Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017](#), the U.S. Center for SafeSport has established the following requirements. These [policies](#) were published January 23, 2019, and compliance with the training policy was required by March 23, 2019.

WHO NEEDS THE TRAINING?

- Adult members of the USOC/NGB who have regular contact with minor athletes (e.g., coaches, officials, adult athletes, etc.).
- Adults authorized by the USOC/NGB to have regular contact with minor athletes (e.g., volunteers, chaperones, medical personnel, adult athletes, etc.).
- Adults authorized by the USOC/NGB to have authority over minor athletes (e.g., coaches, officials, volunteers, chaperones, medical personnel, adult athletes, etc.).
- USOC/NGB staff and board members.

WHEN SHOULD THE TRAINING START?

- Before regular contact with minor athletes.
- Within first 45 days of initial membership or upon beginning role subjecting adult to policy.

HOW OFTEN DOES THE TRAINING NEED TO BE TAKEN?

Applicable Adults must take the U.S. Center for SafeSport Core training ONCE. After initial completion of core training, an annual refresher course is required for Applicable Adults covered by the policy, effective with the 2020 NGB legislative cycle.

MINOR ATHLETE TRAINING

- Each NGB must offer and give training to minor athletes on an annual basis.
- Legal guardian consent must be obtained.

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SAFESPORT BEST PRACTICES

- Require adult members to complete refresher courses before membership can be renewed. This can help ensure the annual refresher course requirement is being met in a timely fashion.
- Contact 17- year old athletes when they renew or begin a new membership cycle and have them complete the Core training with legal guardian consent no later than their 18th birthday.
- Perform random audits to check for compliance with training requirements.
- For NGBs with smaller, local organizations, have both the NGB and local organization track training to help ensure any noncompliance is identified earlier, and addressed by the organization, prior to an audit by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- Send emails on a regular basis (at minimum, once a year) to minor athletes and/or their legal guardians regarding minor athlete training and track the communication. The U.S. Center for SafeSport developed age appropriate minor athlete training which is available at athletesafety.org. USOC/NGBs can use this training to fulfill the minor athlete training requirements for NGBs but can also offer other training. USOC/NGBs are not required to track completion of training by minor athletes. NGBs should consult their respective legal counsels about the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act when providing such training.



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