



## Safe Sport Training Requirement Update

Effective the start of the 2019-2020 Season (September 1, 2019, with early registration opening August 19, 2019). ALL MEMBERS, TO INCLUDE ATHLETES 18 years of age or older, will be required to complete the Safe Sport Training Certification in order to be recognized as a member in good standing with the organization.

However; it is important to note that at this time, full Criminal Background Checks WILL ONLY BE REQUIRED FOR THOSE MEMBERS 18 years of age or older that fall into one of the below listed required categories.

**Currently those required categories are:** All coaches, officials, club officers, members of national and regional committees, medical personnel, world team and international competition athletes 18 years of age or older, USA Roller Sports board of directors and employees.

An official update regarding the Criminal Background Check requirements and who they specifically apply to will be provided in the coming weeks, as there are other groups currently under consideration that may be added to the required categories list to complete a Criminal Background Check. Until then, our current policy on background checks stands.

As a National Governing Body member of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Athlete Safety *must* remain a primary point of emphasis for our organization. In order to achieve this mandatory standard, it is critical that that ALL of our adult members to include athletes, are trained with the skills needed to properly identify and report all incidents of suspected abuse.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to our National Office at 402.483.7551

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