



MAKING OUR SPORT SAFE THROUGH SAFESPORT

WHAT IS SAFESPORT

SafeSport helps raise awareness about misconduct in sport, promote open dialogue, and provide training and resources. SafeSport was created by the USOC in 2013 but became an independent organization in 2017. The Center for SafeSport is independent from the USOC or the federations and is based in Denver, CO.

SAFESPORT JURISDICTION

The Center for SafeSport was created at the request of Congress to have an independent organization – like the U.S. Anti-Doping agency – oversee misconduct in sport and provide education to sport participants. The Center for SafeSport leads education and training and conduct investigations that falls under its jurisdiction.

Senator Feinstein created a new federal bill – *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act*, which passed in January of 2018, following cases of sexual misconduct with USA Swimming and USA Gymnastics. The bill amends the Ted Stevens Amateur and Olympic Sports Act and specifically provides guidelines for abuse in sport.

The USOC and all USOC recognized National Governing Bodies (NGBs) who have to follow the federal Sport Act (Ted Stevens Act) must follow the SafeSport Code. These organizations fall under the jurisdiction of SafeSport. This means that all cases of sexual misconduct in sport are being investigated by the Center for SafeSport. The Center for SafeSport may also at its discretion, investigate other cases of abuse in sport.

All USOC and NGBs must be compliant with the SafeSport Code by September 2018. This means all required "Covered Individuals" must be compliant with SafeSport as soon as possible and all NGBs legislation and requirements must have been updated and implemented by September 2018.

SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR USA SYNCHRO

SafeSport training is mandatory for **all** "Covered Individuals". A full list of Covered Individuals for USA Synchro is outlined on page 3.



The SafeSport Course

US Synchronized Swimming is committed to raising awareness about prevention of abuse in sport.

*We all have a role to play in creating a healthy setting for sport.
SafeSport helps raise awareness about misconduct in sport,
promote open dialogue, and provide training and resources.
When we work as a team, we can build a game plan to make sport safe—for everyone.*

All individuals involved in US Synchronized Swimming must take the training which is offered at no cost. The training was produced by The Center for SafeSport and is comprised of 3 – 30 minute courses. We believe you will find the training very valuable and informative, and strongly encourage you to have all individuals involved in our sport to complete the course. At the end of this document you will find the list of individuals who are required to complete the course at this time.

The 2018 version of the Full SafeSport course must be completed once, and **MUST** have been completed in 2018 or later (Anything completed before 2018 will not be accepted). A Refresher course is required every year after completion of the full course (3-30 minute sessions – see below for update beginning April 15th). Thus, the schedule would look like this: 2018 – full course, 2019 – refresher, 2020 – refresher, 2021 – refresher, etc. **(This is subject to change upon request of The Center for SafeSport)**

How to Register for Training

To register for training:

1. Click on the following link to register for SafeSport Training
<https://safesport.org/authentication/register?token=ef4afb93-c79a-426f-92cb-0c5ce3e0a2f6>
2. You will then be asked for your email address and create a password.
 - In the drop down menu for "Select Organization," be sure to select **US Synchronized Swimming.**

You will then be asked for an Access Code, please enter: **4CRM-NJDP-FGLI-HWGH**

3. Next click on the green save button on the bottom right side of the page.

You will only need to register the first time to set up the account. Once the account is set-up, you will sign in using your email address and password.



Once you have registered, follow the directions to complete the course. **NOTE:** Beginning April 15th the US Center for SafeSport has transitioned to a single 90 minute Course Training (instead of the current 3 modules). Instructions and information are continued on the next page.

Coaches, please forward this final certificate to coachcerts@usasynchro.org, other individuals completing the course do not need to do so.

Thank you for your diligence in making our sport as safe as possible!

SAFESPORT COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

USA Synchro

(Staff, Board Members, Support Staff, and Consultants)

National Team Coaches

(Head and Assistants, Consultants, Volunteers & Chaperones)

National Talent, Olympic Development & National Elite Camp

(Head Coaches and Assistants, Consultants, Volunteers & Chaperones)

National Team Athletes

All National Team Athletes currently listed in the USADA Registered Testing Pool

All members of all USSS Committees, Subcommittees and Boards

(18 years old and over)

Club Teams

(All Employed and Contractor Coaches, Volunteers & Chaperones)

(All Support Staff; includes Dance, Acrobatics, Flexibility,
Swimming, etc., at any Training Facility)

Approved Club Options/Private Invitations/ICE (International Club Exchange) Program

(All Staff - including Coaches, Managers and Adults traveling with the team)

All Judges

(Levels 1 through FINA A & Emeritus)

Optional but highly recommended:

Club Teams – Board Members

Coaches – 15-17 years old



U.S. Center for SafeSport 3 to 1 Course Transition

Since the launch of the new U.S. Center for SafeSport Training in 2017, the US Center for SafeSport has been listening to your feedback. One of the most common requests was to combine the 3 existing 30-min modules into a single 90-min one encompassing all the core material. After a pilot period in 2018, they are excited to inform you that we will be rolling out the single course for all NGBs.

What is the single course option?

The single course option replaces the existing 3 course option. The single course is equivalent to the existing 3 courses and satisfies the U.S. Center for SafeSport™ Trained requirement.

Existing 3 Courses

	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education Course	Satisfies	U.S. Center for SafeSport™ Trained Core Requirement
	Mandatory Reporting Course		
	Emotional and Physical Misconduct Course		

New Single Course

	U.S. Center for SafeSport Trained™ Course	Satisfies	U.S. Center for SafeSport Trained™ Core Requirement
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When will the single course option become available?

The rollout will happen on Monday, April 15th and be available to all new users on safesport.org.

How will users access the single course option?

New users will be presented with the single course automatically. Instead of the original 3 courses, new users will only see the single course. The system will work exactly the same other than this difference.

What about users who have already started the existing 3 courses?

Existing users will continue to complete the 3 courses. **They will not have access to the single course.** The system will look exactly the same for these users as it does currently.

How does this affect taking the Refresher course?

Either taking the existing 3 courses or the new single course satisfies the core requirement for U.S. Center for SafeSport Trained and is valid for 1 year after completing it. In subsequent years users must take a refresher course. In the first year after completing the “core” requirement, users will take Refresher 1. In the second-year users will take Refresher 2. A new refresher course will be rolled out each year and follow this pattern.