

Dear Team USA:

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement is committed to the safety of athletes and participants involved in sport. In order to foster a safe environment at the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, Youth Olympic and ANOC Beach Games, the USOC and U.S. Center for SafeSport have updated some of its policies and procedures which includes additional eligibility requirements for athletes age 18 and older to comply with prior to being nominated as part of the Games Delegation.

The USOC Background Check Policy now applies to athletes age 18 and older.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport has expanded its training requirements to include adult athletes (18 and over) who have regular contact with minors. In the Games environment, it's foreseeable that adult athletes will have contact with minors and therefore the USOC is requiring adult athletes to fulfill the training requirement. At this summer's Pan American and Parapan American Games, all athletes age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training prior to arrival.

As a condition of participation in the upcoming Games athletes must comply with the new policies. We encourage you to read the attached Background Check Policy and Procedures and the updated [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#).

Please consider this letter notice of an amendment to all sports Athlete Selection Procedures, Section 1.1.4. Other Requirements, to include:

- Athletes age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOC Background Check Policy.
- Athletes age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training.

In case of any conflict between the provisions of this amendment and other sections of the Athlete Selection Procedures, the provisions of this amendment shall prevail.