



Dear USA Karate Coach & Referee Members,

USA Karate in conjunction with the US Olympic Committee and US Center for SafeSport is implementing a comprehensive program to invest in the safety and well being of our athletes and members. The USA Karate SafeSport Program will provide training regarding the establishment of safe environments for competition and training, will ensure that each USA Karate Referee & Coach has passed a comprehensive background check as well as completed the SafeSport Training, and will ensure that working together we provide a safe haven for our athletes and members and address to reduce maltreatment of any kind.

Program Components

The SafeSport Program will consist of a background check and online education sessions. Both of these items must be completed as a condition of membership and required to participate as a Referee, Judge, or Credentialed Coach. Those who have not completed both will not be allowed to participate in any capacity at any USA Karate Signature Event.

Background Check

The cost of the background screening is approximately \$25-30 depending on your state. To complete the background check, you will simply need to do the following:

- 1) Visit www.ncsisafe.com and click on Background Screening Self Registration
- 2) Enter Self Registration Number 26244495
- 3) Enter Your Information as Requested

Online Training Sessions

All USA Karate Official and Coach members will be required to complete the FREE updated training course supplied by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. This course replaces the material previously found on the TeamUSA Training site. The new training course consists of three 30-minute videos on the following topics:

1. Mandatory Reporting
2. Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education
3. Emotional and Physical Misconduct

All three courses will need to be completed before these membership groups will be allowed to participate in USA Karate activities. As a reminder compliance with SafeSport is a condition of membership per our Bylaws.

SafeSport training must be completed every two (2) years. Therefore, anyone who is due to renew their

SafeSport training or is completing training for the first time will need to complete the new courses.

We urge everyone take the new training as soon as possible, even if it has been less than two years since you completed the old version. The updated materials will ensure your full understanding of SafeSport now that the program is under the jurisdiction of the US Center for SafeSport.

The website to take the new course is <https://safesport.org/>. Users will have to create an account using the code below prior to being able to take the course. You can create your account at <https://safesport.org/authentication/register?token=387667f7-f3dc-4285-af8b-5fd23af7201b>
This also applies for those that have taken the TeamUSA training course before.

Use code **5CJA-L3B7-8GCC-LUMF** in order to be linked to USA Karate – if you do not use this code USA Karate will not be notified of your compliance, so please take care when signing up.

Also, please note that this training is available FREE to everyone, not just those in the categories listed above and we recommend that everyone takes the courses – especially athletes and parents of athletes – in order to be fully informed on how to spot the signs of abuse, and how to react appropriately and effectively if you suspect misconduct.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the National Office for additional assistance. We look forward to partnering with each of you as we work together to ensure Safe Sport!

Regards,

USA Karate Safe Sport Committee

