



Dear USA Karate Member,

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 Official, Coach, Adult National Team Member, Committee Member, Staff and Board Member 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 for Officials and Coaches and required to participate as a Referee, Judge, or Credentialed Coach at Signature Events. 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 \$30 depending on your state. To complete the background check, you will simply need to do the following:

- 1) Visit [www.ncsisafe.com](http://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 required members over the age of 18 will be need to complete the FREE training course supplied by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. This course replaces the material previously found on the TeamUSA Training site. The training course consists of the following topics:

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

Training is available to individuals 18 years of age and older. Individuals under the age of 18 will require parental consent in order to take the training.

As a reminder compliance with SafeSport is a condition of membership per our Bylaws for Officials and

Coach member categories.

SafeSport training must be completed every year. 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 that is available on the membership portal [usakaratemembership.com](http://usakaratemembership.com). login and the instructions for completing the training will be available to members. You will need the code 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.

### **Participant Safety Handbook**

The collection of all SafeSport Policies and procedures for you to review are found in the Participant Safety Handbook. The latest version can be found on our website at [safesport.usankf.org](http://safesport.usankf.org)

### **Reporting**

If you know of or suspect a violation of any of the SafeSport Policies or Procedures you are required to report the incident. Reports can be made at:

Sexual Misconduct involving a minor

- U.S. Center for SafeSport – [SafeSport.org](http://SafeSport.org) or 720-531-0340
- USA Karate Ethics website [usakarateethics.com](http://usakarateethics.com) or 844-598-1865
- You should also report Sexual misconduct involving a minor to local law enforcement

All other violations

- USA Karate Ethics website [usakarateethics.com](http://usakarateethics.com) or 844-598-1865
- Report via an incident report form emailed to the CEO or Ethics Committee Chairperson
- Contacting the CEO or Ethics Committee Chairperson directly

CEO Contact Phil Hampel – [phampel@usankf.org](mailto:phampel@usankf.org) 719-309-6030

Ethics Committee Chairperson Contact Sasha Gerritson – [sgerritson@usankf.org](mailto:sgerritson@usankf.org)

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

