

## **USATKD Education & Training Policy**

Education is a key component of any abuse and misconduct prevention strategy. The required education provides participants with information necessary to more effectively monitor their organization/team, minimize the opportunities for physical and sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, and respond to concerns.

**USATKD encourages all members to complete SafeSport Training, even if not required to do so.**

### **Individuals Required to Complete Education and Training**

The following individuals are required to complete SafeSport Training:

- USATKD Staff
- USATKD Board of Directors
- All USATKD Members in any category (incl. but not limited to all athlete, coach, referee, support members) who are over the age of 18
- Independent contractors USATKD authorizes, approves or appoints
  - to a position of authority over, or
  - to have regular contact with athletes.
- Any non-athlete individual authorized by USATKD to train, stay, or work at an Olympic Training Center.
- Any non-athlete individual authorized by USATKD to train, stay or work at the USATKD National Center of Excellence
- Any non-athlete individual authorized by USATKD to train, stay or work at any USATKD Regional Training Center

### **SafeSport Training Requirement**

#### **1. Core Center for SafeSport Training**

The individuals identified as “Individuals Required to Complete Education and Training” must complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s Core Center for SafeSport Training (i.e., the Center’s online training or the Center’s approved in-person training):

- Before their membership within USATKD will become active;
- Before regular contact with athletes begins

No one identified as an “Individual Required to Complete Education and Training” will be allowed to participate in any USATKD sanctioned activity in any way until this requirement has been completed. No grace period is given at the beginning of a membership.

## 2. Refresher Course(s)

A refresher course is required on an annual basis effective the calendar year following the completion of the Core Center for SafeSport Training for each of the above listed individuals.

### **Compliance**

USATKD routinely monitors compliance with this requirement via its Sport:80 membership system. Any member found to be out-of-compliance with this requirement will automatically have their membership placed in 'pending' status until the training requirements are met and will be unable to participate in any way prior to completion.

USATKD Board Members must complete SafeSport Training on an annual basis, regardless of event participation. Non-compliant Board Members will be suspended from the board within 48 hours of being notified that they are out of compliance and restricted from participating in any USATKD activity including board meetings until such time as they have resolved the issue.

### **Minor Athletes**

USATKD will annually offer and give training to members who are minors regarding prevention and reporting of child abuse. This training will be available online via the U.S. Center for SafeSport website and can be found here:

<https://athletesafety.org/training/index/category/youth-training>

### **How To Take The Training**

To access the SafeSport training, please login to your Sport:80 membership account and follow the instructions within. In order to correctly track your completion and have the results linked to your membership profile it is important that you login to Sport:80 and follow the training links from there. The Sport:80 site will guide you to the correct training requirements to activate your membership.