

SafeSport

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USATF SafeSport Page and Resources: <https://www.usatf.org/safesport>

Annual Training Progression (4 Year Cycle):

1. Core Training
2. Refresher Course: Recognizing and Reporting Misconduct
3. Refresher Course 2: Preventing Misconduct
4. Refresher Course 3

Optional Training:

1. Parent's Training for Athletes
2. Training for Athletes (Pending)

*****Please Note: Remember where you are on the progression! If you complete the wrong training the system will lock up.**

How to become USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant as part of the USATF SafeSport Program:

1. Obtain a [USATF membership](#).
2. Successfully complete the applicable annual [USATF background screen](#) with NCSI (which includes acknowledgement of the [USATF SafeSport Handbook](#) and an agreement to abide by the respective code of conduct).*

**Please note: the USATF background screen does not apply to individuals younger than 18 years of age.*

3. Successfully complete SafeSport training (either the Core course or appropriate Refresher course) available on [USATF Connect](#) before having contact with athletes, and in any event, within forty-five (45) days of assuming such position within USATF.**

***Note: SafeSport training is an annual requirement, meaning it should be completed once every 365 days.*

USATF SafeSport Online Training Steps

1. Log in to [USATF Connect](#) using your email address and password.
 - a. **Note: If you have one or more accounts linked to your USATF Connect profile, please select your personal account.*
2. Click “View” on your profile card.
3. Select “Center for SafeSport Training” in the menu to the left.
4. Click on the blue “Add Center for SafeSport Training” button.
5. Here you will see the training course options. Select the type of training you wish to complete (please note, you will not be able to add any of the Refresher courses until your Core training is completed).
6. Once you have added the appropriate course, you will see a pop-up box with additional information to review. Click the “Add” button at the bottom of the screen.
7. Once you click “Add”, you will see a pop-up window with a link to click to begin the course.
 - a. Click the “Start Training” option in the pop-up window.
8. You will enter the SafeSport training program where you will complete the training.
 - a. The course(s) will remain in a “Pending Approval” status until you complete the training. You may start a course, stop, logout and come back to your account to complete at any time. [This video is available](#) for those who need guidance on how to resume SafeSport training.
9. Once you complete the training you will be issued a PDF certificate. Please save this certificate for your records. Click the “X” button once you are finished.

Once these steps have been completed, all USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant members will be listed on USATF's SafeSport Compliant List.

Coaches Note!!!

Those seeking benefits of being a USATF Registered Coach must satisfy all the above SafeSport Compliance requirements and fulfill the Education Standard. In order to meet all requirements of a USATF Registered Coach, an individual must meet the Education Standard and be on the SafeSport Compliance list.

Annual SafeSport Audit

This Past Year (2021 Season), those who attended the National Meet may have been subjected to an Audit Interview. Of particular interest was Section 2 – Athlete Protection Policies and Guidelines which can be found in the SafeSport Handbook. Moving forward all members should be aware of these requirements. An excerpt can be found by reviewing the July 2021 SafeSport Newsletter which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/usatf/july-2021-safe-sport-at-usatf-newsletter/full-view.html>