



SafeSport

In 2018, Congress passed The Protective Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 (the SafeSport Act). The legislation is aimed at preventing and reporting child abuse in youth sports by expanding the categories of "mandatory reporters" and requiring organizations to provide enhanced training. US Soccer requires that all its adult members complete the training and follow the reporting guidelines of SafeSport.

As a result of this Federal legislation, SafeSport training is mandatory for every adult participant within ASA, including coaches, managers, board members, employees, administrators, and adult players. The training covers three topics: mandatory reporting, sexual misconduct awareness education, and emotional and physical misconduct. Adults should complete this training before beginning any sanctioned activity with their club.

Completing SafeSport

SafeSport certification is completed each season beginning July 1 through the adult participant's GotSport account. If an adult participant does not have a GotSport account, they will need to reach out to their club administrator to have an account created.

The SafeSport website must be accessed through the participant's GotSport account to enable proper SafeSport account creation that will include the correct curriculum at no charge. Once in the SafeSport website, the participant will create a SafeSport account or log into their existing SafeSport account. When creating a SafeSport account, the participant must make certain that the name and email address used matches the name and email address entered in their GotSport account EXACTLY so the two systems can link the fulfillment of the certification.

SafeSport courses are to be completed each season starting on July 1st and expiring on June 30th according to the seasonal cycle listed below. The curriculum begins with the 90-minute SafeSport Trained Core course for the first season. For the next three subsequent seasons, you will recertify through one of the 30-minute Refresher courses. Only one course needs to be completed each season, and please note that the SafeSport for Youth Players course does **not** satisfy this requirement.

1st Season: SafeSport Trained - U.S. Soccer Federation - *this is also referred to as "Core" training* (90-minutes)

2nd Season: SafeSport Refresher #1 (30-minutes)

3rd Season: SafeSport Refresher #2 (30-minutes)

4th Season: SafeSport Refresher #3 (30-minutes)

5th Season: SafeSport Trained - U.S. Soccer Federation - *this is also referred to as "Core" training* (the cycle starts again) (90-minutes)

6th Season: SafeSport Refresher #1 (30-minutes)

... and so on

Accessing SafeSport Training Instructional Link:

[How to complete SafeSport from your GotSport account](#)

Click on the following link for more information regarding US Soccer's SafeSport program and policies:

<https://www.safesoccer.com/>

SafeSport Reporting

In addition to requiring training, the SafeSport Act also expands the definition of mandatory reporter to include any “adult who is authorized, by a national governing body, a member of the national governing body...to interact with a minor or amateur athlete at an amateur sports organization facility or at any event sanctioned by a national governing body, a member of a national governing body, or such an amateur sports organization.” ASA urges all adults to understand their reporting obligations outlined here:

Under the SafeSport Act, the reporting obligation is triggered when a mandatory reporter becomes aware of “facts that give reason to suspect” a child has suffered an incident of child abuse. Mandatory reporters should refrain from judging or evaluating the credibility of such allegations, and instead immediately report these incidents to law enforcement and to SafeSport. Failure to promptly (within 24 hours of becoming aware) report suspected child abuse to law enforcement may constitute a violation of federal law, state law and U.S. Soccer’s SafeSport Policy. Click on the following link if you have suspicions that must be reported.

[Report A Concern](#)