



## **1 WHAT IS SAFESPORT?**

Athletes will perform better, soar higher, and get more from sport if they feel safe. SafeSport at USA Track & Field (USATF) seeks to create a healthy, supportive environment for all participants, but especially our athletes. Through education, resources, and training, we help members of the track and field, LDR, and race walk communities recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct in sport. The U.S. Center for SafeSport is designated by Congress through the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 to serve as the independent national safe sport organization, with the responsibility for developing policies, procedures, and prevention training to prevent the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of amateur athletes. Both the U.S. Center for SafeSport and SafeSport at USATF work to end abuse in sport.

## **2 WHY DOES USATF MANDATE A SAFESPORT PROGRAM?**

The USOC recommended all national governing bodies (NGBs) to implement the program in 2014 and it became required of all Olympic NGBs by 2015. SafeSport at USATF has existed since 2013, and over time, USATF has amended its existing policies to incorporate additional USOC and U.S. Center for SafeSport recommendations, and to comply with all aspects of the federal legislation. Our goal is to gain awareness and protect the participants in our sport at all levels.

USATF is committed to providing a safe environment in which our athletes compete and train. We believe this is program is essential for the safety of our athletes, particularly our youth athletes.

## **3 WHAT IS USATF 3-STEP SAFESPORT COMPLIANCE?**

In order to be USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant, USATF requires 1) a current USATF membership, 2) a current USATF background screen (as well as agreeing to acknowledgments therein), and 3) successful completion of the required SafeSport Training; before having contact with athletes, and in any event, within sixty (60) days of assuming such position within USATF.

## **4 WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE USATF 3-STEP SAFESPORT COMPLIANT?**

For the safety of our athletes, USATF requires National Staff, Board of Directors, registered coaches, certified officials, authorized agents, National Team staff, National Committee chairs, Association leadership, Youth Committee members, AAC Committee Members, AAC Event Leaders, Youth Camp Staff, all meet volunteers in an official capacity, and all vendors with access to athletes to be USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant. Individuals outside of these constituent groups are welcomed and encouraged to become USATF 3-Step SafeSport compliant. More information can be found here: <http://www.usatf.org/About/SafeSport.aspx>

## 5 I AM A PARENT. ARE THERE SAFESPORT RESOURCES I CAN UTILIZE?

Parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers all play an important part of the program, as we all work together to prevent abuse in sport. Resources for these groups are available at <http://www.usatf.org/About/SafeSport/Resources.aspx>. Parents can access the free online parent toolkit at <https://resources.safesport.org/toolkits/Parent-Toolkit-Complete/index.html> as well as complete the free online parent training at [www.athletesafety.org](http://www.athletesafety.org).

## 6 HOW DO I REPORT A SAFESPORT COMPLAINT?

The USATF SafeSport Handbook outlines the reporting process for:

- // Violations of the USATF SafeSport Handbook
- // Misconduct as defined in USATF's Anti-Harassment & Abuse Policy
- // Suspicions or allegations of child physical or sexual abuse

To report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport, you may use the online reporting form at <https://safesport.org/report-a-concern>, or call (720) 531-0340. To report to USATF, please fill out our SafeSport Incident Reporting Form at <https://usatf.wufoo.com/forms/w14h93hv1rlkop3/>. A report to USATF may also be made over the telephone by calling (317) 713-4688, or by email at [safesport@usatf.org](mailto:safesport@usatf.org). USATF will withhold the complainant's name, upon request, to the extent permitted by law. For more information on reporting a SafeSport complaint, please visit <http://www.usatf.org/About/SafeSport/Reporting-a-SafeSport-Complaint.aspx>

# U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT TRAINING FAQ'S



### WHAT IS THE "SAFESPORT TRAINED" COURSE?

The SafeSport Trained course is geared toward coaches, athletes, team volunteers, officials or team staff members (athletic trainer, team doctor, etc.). If you are a member of USATF, you are eligible to take the SafeSport Trained course free of charge. National Staff, Board of Directors, registered coaches, certified officials, authorized agents, National Team staff, National Committee chairs, Association leadership, Youth Committee members, AAC Committee Members, AAC Event Leaders, Youth Camp Staff, all meet volunteers in an official capacity, and all vendors with access to athletes are required to take the training. If you are not a member of USATF, SafeSport training costs \$20 per person.

The SafeSport Trained course covers the following topics in-depth: Mandatory Reporting, Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Emotional and Physical Misconduct. The course lasts roughly 90 minutes.



### HOW DO I ACCESS THE COURSE?

Please contact USATF or visit our webpage to access the training: <http://www.usatf.org/About/SafeSport/SafeSport-Training.aspx>. Training is also available with translations in Spanish and French.



### WHO DO I CONTACT IF I'M HAVING TECHNICAL TROUBLE COMPLETING THE SAFESPORT COURSE?

Please contact the U.S. Center for SafeSport Technical Support Helpdesk at (720) 676-6417.