



1 WHAT IS SAFESPORT?

Athletes will perform better, soar higher, and get more from sport if they feel safe. SafeSport seeks to create a healthy, supportive environment for all participants. Through education, resources, and training, we help members of the sport community recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct in sport.

2 WHY IS USATF INSTITUTING A SAFESPORT PROGRAM?

For the safety of our athletes, particularly our youth athletes, USA Track & Field has committed to providing a safe environment in which our athletes compete and train. We believe this is paramount to the success of all our programs.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has recommended USATF implement the program in 2014 and it will be required of all Olympic national governing bodies (NGB's) by 2015. Coupled with our Coaches Registry, our goal is to gain awareness and protect the participants in our sport at all levels, but particularly those athletes who are 18-and-under.

3 WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE SAFESPORT COURSE?

All USATF National Staff, Board Members, Youth Committee members, registered agents, coaches on the Coaches Registry, youth club coaches and youth club administrators are required to complete the USOC SafeSport course.

4 WHAT IS THE TIME LINE FOR USATF SAFESPORT IMPLEMENTATION?

All USATF members who are required to take the course will have until 11:59 PM December 31, 2015 to complete the USOC SafeSport course.

5 HOW DO I REPORT A COMPLAINT?

SECTION 6 OF 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
- Reporters should complete the form at www.usatf.org/About/SafeSport/Report.aspx

ONLINE USOC SAFESPORT COURSE FAQ'S



WHAT IS THE SAFESPORT COURSE?

The SafeSport course is a free online training module put together by the USOC. The course covers fourteen lesson areas that include, but are not limited to, sexual, physical and emotional misconduct; local and overnight travel; bullying and harassment. The training videos in total are approximately 90 minutes long and include four quizzes and a final exam.



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

The USOC has an FAQ page for the course, which answers many technical questions. Additional questions can be submitted via the SafeSport Training Contact page.



HOW DO I ACCESS THE COURSE?

The SafeSport course is housed on the USOC SafeSport website, www.safesport.org. To access the course, visit www.safesport.org and select "training" on the top right. Once on the training site, add the SafeSport course to your bag through the Store link. You will be prompted through the process to enter your USATF number. Proceed to check out and complete the course at your convenience.