



SAFE SPORT

JULY NEWSLETTER

USA Track & Field (USATF) is committed to providing a safe, healthy environment and up-to-date information for all members. As the outdoor season kicks in, we're excited to share the latest updates to the Safe Sport Program, focusing on ensuring secure and supportive environments for athletes, coaches, and participants.

Here's what's new in July:

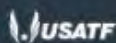


Safe Sport Allstars

This month, we'd like to give a shoutout to USATF Club, the Los Angeles Jets. The club recently hosted a zoom for their 9/10 year old athletes promoting sensitivity. The L.A. Jets went above and beyond to ensure the safety of their athletes. From creating a positive sport environment, to bullying prevention, they exceeded expectations! Keep up the great work L.A. Jets!



We love recognizing our members' efforts to keep our sport safe. To nominate a Safe Sport Allstar, please email usatfsafesport@usattf.org!



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Upcoming Summer Events



July 21 - 27, 2025,
Savannah, GA
USATF National Junior Olympic
Track & Field Championships



July 31 - August 03, 2025,
Eugene, OR
Toyota USATF Outdoor Championships
Available to watch on USATF.tv or NBC

[Click on this Bea/Response link to receive real-time updates, essential safety notifications, and important event information throughout the USA TE Junior O/Ym.w.](#)

What is Reunification and Why is it Important?

Reunification is a safety protocol that ensures children are securely released to their designated guardian after a race, preventing confusion and separation, and meeting child safety standards, including SafeSport policies.

How it Works:

- After their race, athletes age 10 and under will be taken to the Reunification Tent.
- A coach, parent, or approved adult (18+) must pick them up.
- The adult must show the official pickup wristband, available at packet pickup. Replacements require a government-issued ID.
- Security will be on-site to ensure safety and assist as needed.

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MAAPP Reminders

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MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE
PREVENTION POLICIES

TRAVEL

- All In-Program Contact during transportation must be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists, or the Adult Participant has advance written consent from the Minor Athlete's guardian. This consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- In-Program transportation requirements are met if the Adult Participant is accompanied by another Adult Participant or at least two minors who are 8 years of age or older.

LODGING

- All In-Program Contact during lodging must be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists.
- Adult Participants cannot share a hotel room or sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete, unless an exception exists, and advance written consent is provided to the Organization or Adult Participant for each specific lodging arrangement.
- Two Adult Participants must be present during any room checks.



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July Focus: The 18-year-old Athlete's USATF Safe Sport Guide

At 18, you're more than just a competitor—you're a role model for your team. USATF requires all Adult Participants (18 and older) who have Regular Contact with Minor Athletes to complete Safe Sport training annually. Your leadership starts with SafeSport. Set the standard. Protect your team.




How Should We Use SafeSport Training?

Apply what you learn to create a safer, more respectful sport environment. Use the training to:

- Understand your rights and recognize abuse
- Identify and report misconduct
- Follow the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) guidelines, like keeping interactions observable and interruptible
- Support teammates and promote a positive team culture

Completing SafeSport Training for the First Time?

1. Log in to USATF Connect using your email address and password
2. Click "View" on your profile card
3. Select "Center for SafeSport Training" in the menu to the left
4. Click on the blue "+ Access Training" button
5. You will enter the SafeSport Training program where you will complete the training
6. If you experience difficulties during training, please exit out of the training and try going back in.

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Centralized Disciplinary Database At-A-Glance



What Is the Centralized Disciplinary Database?

The U.S. Center for SafeSports Centralized Disciplinary Database (COD) is a searchable list of individuals with restricted sport participation due to SafeSport Code violations or eligibility rulings. A separate USATF Disciplinary Records list is also available for those suspended within USATF.

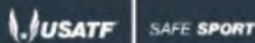
How do we access it?

Go to the U.S. Center for SafeSport website. At the top right you will click the box labeled "Centralized Disciplinary Database". This will take you to the list where you can search names, cities, or a sport.

Protect your athletes today

How should we use it?

Use the list to ensure that individuals who are suspended, temporarily suspended, or permanently banned are not present at USATF events—from the time participants arrive until the event ends. This helps protect athletes and maintain a safe environment.



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Safe Sport for Parents & Youth Athletes

Free, age-appropriate courses are available through your USATF Connect profile under the "Center for SafeSport Training" tab—just click "Access Additional Trainings." Here's how to use the courses to support athlete safety:

1. Parents Guide to Misconduct In Sport - Designed for parents of athletes of all ages, this course explains how to recognize, prevent, and respond to misconduct and abuse in sport settings.

2. SafeSport for Youth Athletes - Designed for teens, this course helps athletes understand healthy boundaries, recognize inappropriate behavior, and learn how to support teammates who may be experiencing bullying, hazing, or other forms of misconduct. It also offers guidance on how to speak up and where to report concerns. (Parental consent required.)

3. SafeSport for Kids - Created for athletes ages 5-12, this course teaches the difference between discipline and



abuse and encourages when speaking up to a trusted adult something when something feels wrong.

(Parental consent required.)

On June 11th, updated versions launched in English, Spanish, and French.

Use the link below to see more available trainings:

[U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT ONLINE TRAINING](#)



Report a Concern

USATF prioritizes participant health and safety. Report sexual misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport using their online form.

For concerns of bullying, hazing, harassment, physical misconduct, or emotional misconduct, you may report to USATF via our online form, email safesport@usatf.org, call (317) 713-4688, or text 833-9-USATF (987-2834).

We want all of our members to feel comfortable and safe. Your report can remain anonymous if you would prefer, but we encourage you to report incidents to us so we can continue to maintain a safe and encouraging environment for our sport.

Contact Us:

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