



SafeSport Training FAQ's

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USA Climbing updated its SafeSport-related policies in March, 2019 and again in June, 2019. You can find the June 2019 policy [here](#).

1. Why is SafeSport training required for more people than in the past?

We are all committed to athlete safety. The training is one piece in sustaining a safe environment for all athletes. SafeSport Training helps all of us to be more aware of unsafe behavior and potential disruptions to athletes' desire to train, compete and enjoy their sport.

The law, ["Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017"](#) authorizes the U.S. Center for SafeSport (the "Center") to address the risk of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of amateur athletes in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements. The Center provides education and requirements consistent with the law, and this training is part of those requirements. The training is required by the Center, the USOC and USA Climbing.

2. Definitions:

Sustained Interaction (or "regular contact" from the U.S. Center for SafeSport [MAAP](#) Policies): recurring interactions continuing for an extended period, by those in a position of power or control over athletes.

Extended Period: Interactions generally lasting longer than 2 minutes.

3. Who is required to take the SafeSport training?

Under USA Climbing's existing policies and practices, the following categories of individuals continue to be required to complete the SafeSport training including annual refresher training:

- *“Covered Individuals” under [USA Climbing's SafeSport Policy](#), in other words each USA Climbing Certified Coach (including Coach of a Youth Climbing Team or Collegiate Climbing Team as defined in the USA Climbing Rulebook), each National Team coach, National Team manager, National Team medical officer, official National Team chaperone, and any other USA Climbing coach member, staff member, contractor and/or volunteer retained by USA Climbing and expected to have sustained interaction with USA Climbing registered athletes over time, other than as a parent or guardian.*
- *All members of USA Climbing's Board of Directors; and*
- *All USA Climbing Certified Judges.*
- *All staff members of USA Climbing, even if not expected to have regular or sustained contact with athletes over time;*
- *All USA Climbing Regional Coordinators;*
- *All USA Climbing Certified Routesetters;*
- *USA Climbing Introductory Members, Competitor Members, Collegiate Members & Paraclimbing Members who are 18 years of age or older, or who will turn 18 during the applicable membership season.*
- *Isolation Coordinators who oversee the isolation area, including overseeing Isolation monitors, who in turn monitor athletes in “Isolation Areas” for onsight competitions.*

- *Volunteer Coordinators and Event Organizers*

4. Do I need the full training or just the annual refresher, and by what date?

- *Those who already completed the full training during the 2019-2020 season do not need to retake it this season.*
- *Those who have taken the full training only need to take the 15 minute annual refresher upon expiration.*
- *To access the annual refresher you do not need to renew your full training. Click on “Add Center for SafeSport Training” to locate the refresher course.*
- *Each year, the deadline for the annual refresher is one year from the training completion date.*

5. What happens if the training isn't completed?

If the training requirement applies to you, then it is required for you to continue your membership with USA Climbing, to compete in USA Climbing sanctioned events, to participate in USA Climbing camps or other training activities, and to utilize USA Climbing facilities.

The training is also required in order to utilize USOC facilities for training, competition or any other reason.

6. What if I am 17 and my parents do not approve of the training?

Parental consent is required if you are under 18. This is accessed through the training itself in your USA Climbing account. If your parents are concerned about the training or object to you completing the training it is not required until you turn 18. Once you are an adult member you must have the training complete to continue your membership with USA Climbing.

7. If I am a volunteer at an event, do I have to take SafeSport training?

As described above, all Certified Judges must complete SafeSport training. In addition, USA Climbing Coordinators, Isolation Coordinators, Event Organizers, and Volunteer Coordinators will be required to complete SafeSport training. All other volunteers are encouraged to take the free training by registering for the USA Climbing Volunteer Non-Covered Membership and accessing the “Center for SafeSport Training” from within your USA Climbing account profile on the left side of your dashboard.

8. Are youth members younger than 17 required to take the SafeSport training?

Not at this time. The Center has created an optional online training course intended for youth athletes (subject to parent or guardian consent).

9. How often is the training required?

After the initial training, which may take up to about 90 minutes to complete, annual refreshers are required which generally take about 20 minutes to complete.

10. How do I access the SafeSport training?

The SafeSport training is accessed within a members account profile and an access code is no longer necessary. Once in the account you will see “Center for SafeSport Training” on the left side of the profile, click on “Add Center for SafeSport Training” and from there click on the “click here” hyper link to access the 90 min online training course.

11. I completed the SafeSport Training but it is showing as “Pending Approval”. What do I do?

Click on where the course says “Resume Course” and click the X at the bottom of the page. This is the finalizing step to a current status.

12. Where do I upload my SafeSport Certificate?

The system isn't designed for a member to upload a SafeSport Certificate. Everything is completed directly through your USA Climbing account. If you completed the training outside your USA Climbing account, please email your certificate to info@usacimbing.org.

13. The USA Climbing access code isn't working. What do I do?

The USA Climbing SafeSport access code is no longer in use. Please access the SafeSport training from within your USA climbing account by clicking on the "Center for SafeSport Training" tab.

14. Does this relate to any requirement for Background Checks?

Not at this time. Implementation for the USOC Responsible Sport Organization Background Check Policy has not yet been determined.