

SAFESPORT Training

Beginning immediately, the free SafeSport training program is available to all members of USA Softball and the course can be taken by first logging in to the RegisterUSA Softball website and then accessing the SafeSport option under the ACE Education tab.

SAFESPORT MISSION, PURPOSE & VISION

Mission

To cultivate and steward a culture of dignity and respect in sport.

Purpose

Enable every athlete to thrive by fostering a national sport culture of respect and safety, on and off the field of play.

GET STARTED: Login (or create an account) on RegisterUSASoftball.com and then access the SafeSport option under the ACE Education tab. When you're on the SafeSport site please be sure to select USA Softball from the Organization list in order for USA Softball to be notified by SafeSport of your completion status.

SafeSport and Background checks are mandatory for adult coaches and umpires involved in youth softball. I will be publishing an updated list starting next week at www.usasoftballsouthdakota.com.

The SafeSport bill was introduced by our own Senator John Thune and passed unanimously in the Senate and all but 3 votes in the House. I really cannot believe there were 3 nays; it would of interest to hear the reasons why Amash, Sanford, and Massie would vote against. President Trump signed the legislation into law on February 14, 2018.

We have not pushed compliance in the past but we will this year. We will forward a current list of those who completed the courses to Leagues Directors, Area Reps, and Area UIC across the state as well as publish. They will urge their people to take the time to do the educational videos and answer the questions at the end. As parents, you should encourage your coach to participate also.

There are a lot of good tips, things to consider, and even ideas to use. Do not get yourself in a spot that you did not think about and get into he said/she said situation.

We will be asking for prove at state tournament check-in, so spread the word. USA Softball of South Dakota was one of the sites to get audited last year when Sioux Falls hosted the Nationals. Although we scored high, we can do better.

It is a bit cumbersome, but if you follow the step by step instruction, it is pretty easy. Write down your sign-in and password for both Register USA and SafeSport, you will be way ahead. You will need to do separate for both. If you have done Register USA in the past and cannot remember either your sign in or password, contact Steve Riswold for Umpires or myself for umpires and coaches. We will get you in Register USA. **Do not start a new profile, as you will lose all your past credits and have to start from step 1.**

<https://registerusasoftball.com>