

USRowing Safe Sport Policy 2022 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who is an adult member?

A: An adult member is a USRowing member 18 years of age and older. Adult members are now required by law to take SafeSport training. Training must be completed annually.

Q: What training do I have to take?

A: If you are in an athlete ONLY role and over 18, you can take the SafeSport Training for Adult Athletes (30 min) If you are a coach, administrator, board member, adult volunteer, person of authority, you must take the core training (90 min) - the next three years will be 30 min refresher courses. All other training in your catalog is not required but there for your benefit.

Q: How is the training accessed?

A: Log into your individual USRowing account at <https://membership.usrowing.org/individual/login>, and click on the SafeSport tab on the left-hand side. It will prompt you to see the required courses to take -- either the Core NGB1 (90 min), an NGB1 refresher course (30 min), or the Adult Athlete Training (30 min). If you click on enroll and start the course, you might get a pop up telling you to refresh your next page. Click 'continue'. Once you are on the next page and you see a 401 error, be sure to click refresh on your Internet browser. Once you do, you should see your SafeSport course.

To ensure minimal errors in linking your SafeSport courses to your USRowing profile, be sure your member number and DOB are accurate in your SafeSport account. If you take your SafeSport course and still do not see it linking to your USRowing membership, try logging out and back into your member account and clicking on the SafeSport icon once more. In doing this, your most recent SafeSport course will be updated to your USRowing profile.

Q: I am a Masters athlete. Why do I have to take SafeSport training?

A: The new policy aligns with the American Olympic Movement and therefore all USRowing adult members (18 years of age or older) will be required to take SafeSport training. Misconduct can happen at any level, not just minors. Taking SafeSport training helps our members to become educated about how to recognize misconduct before it occurs. Your safety is our priority, and we want to make sure that you are ready for 2022, from taking a boat out for a paddle to competing in events.

Q: Do regular volunteers (such as parents) need to take training?

A: Yes, Volunteers with regular contact with minors are required to take training. USRowing will have a \$0 membership for volunteers so they can access the required SafeSport training for free.

Q: Do part time volunteers need to take training?

A: No. Volunteers who do not have direct contact with minors do not need to take training. However, they do need to be aware of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies and how to report if they see misconduct.

Q: Can members take the training in a large group with one login to the training?

A: No. Each USRowing adult member must log in with their own USRowing individual membership.

Q: How will a USRowing adult member be able to show that they completed the training?

A: Once the USRowing adult member completes the training, the member record in USRowing's membership database will populate an updated training expiration date. Additionally, the USRowing adult member can print (or save as a PDF) the SafeSport Trained certificate. USRowing is working with our database developers to have the training show on an individual's profile.

Q: How will a member organization know whether their USRowing adult members have completed the training?

A: A member organization will be able to view whether a member has completed the training by viewing their roster in the member organization's portal.

Q: Is it expected that those USRowing adult members with developmental delays or disabilities complete the training?

A: The U.S. Center for SafeSport offers special accommodations for these athletes. Athletes should contact the Center directly.

Q: Is the training available for the hearing and vision impaired?

A: The training is currently available in closed caption for the hearing impaired. It is not currently available in a form available for vision impaired. Suggestion: A solution to this would be for the member to complete the training alongside an aid or someone else to help relay the information. The U.S. Center for SafeSport will provide accommodations as needed.

Q: I take other sexual misconduct training. Do I still have to take SafeSport training?

A: Currently the US Center for SafeSport requires that you take their training, and no waivers exist for any other training you may also be required to take by your school or other organization.

Q: How often do I need to take training?

A: SafeSport training must be taken annually. For those participants needing to take the Core training, the initial Core SafeSport Course, "[SafeSport Trained](#)," is comprehensive and is followed by refresher courses, which take less than 30 minutes to complete. Users completing a SafeSport refresher course will be compliant for an additional year. Adult Athletes are only required to take the [SafeSport Training for Adult Athletes](#).

Q: How do I know what SafeSport training I need to take?

A: If you are required to take training, once you are logged into SafeSportTrained.org, click on "My Courses." It will pull up what you are next required to take. If you are only looking to take the Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport or the SafeSport for High School Athletes (minors), go to "Catalog" to see the courses available.

Q: Do adult members need to have a background check screening to compete in a regatta?

A: No, athletes competing in a regatta do not need background checks. However, any Applicable Adult/Adult Participant who is in a position of authority over athletes of any age or who has regular contact with minor athletes is required to complete a background check. This includes employees, coaches, referees, volunteers, board members, staff, administrators, and any other non-athlete member.

Q: Do I need to bring proof of my SafeSport training to a regatta?

A: All documentation is available to USRowing via the membership database. If you have completed SafeSport Trained training, member organization administrators can view your training on their rosters.

Q: Who is responsible for tracking the adult member's SafeSport training?

A: Each member organization is responsible for making sure that their adult members have taken SafeSport training.

Q: Can a USRowing member take the training before they turn 18?

A: Yes. Subject to parental consent, a USRowing member can access and complete the training prior to turning 18.

Q: If I'm attending an event where the U.S. Center for SafeSport is auditing, what might they ask me?

A: The U.S. Center for SafeSport might ask you if you've taken SafeSport training, if you have received communication from USRowing about SafeSport and the need for training, and/or your knowledge of the MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy).

Q: As a coach, what do I need to do prior to an event that the U.S. Center for SafeSport is auditing?

A: You need to make sure that you have taken the "SafeSport Trained" course, which is available at <https://safesporttrained.org>.

Q: As an LOC, we host many regattas throughout the year. What do we need to know for our volunteers that work as parking attendants, commission control, stake boat holders, hospitality, launch drivers, etc.?

A: Volunteers are not required to take SafeSport training, but it is recommended. However, volunteers do need to be aware of the MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies) and how to report if they see a violation.

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: Please feel free to contact the USRowing Safe Sport team at USRowingSafeSport@usrowing.org or Member Services at members@usrowing.org.