



Training and Education Policy

The *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017* requires amateur sports organizations to offer consistent training to adult members who are in regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors, and subject to parental consent, to members who are minors, regarding prevention of child abuse. The “Core SafeSport Training” offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport meets the requirements of SDYSA’s Athlete & Participant Safety Policy. It consists of three modules: (1) Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education; (2) Mandatory Reporting; and (3) Emotional & Physical Misconduct. Training provides individuals the necessary tools, vocabulary and information to more effectively monitor our sport, minimize the opportunities for child physical or sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, and respond to concerns. Upon initial completion of these three online modules, the individual will have met the “SafeSport Trained” requirement.

All Covered Personnel must complete the “Core SafeSport Training” (three modules) in order to meet the “SafeSport Trained” requirement. All continuing Covered Personnel are required to complete the “Core SafeSport Training” no later than September 1, 2022. Any new Covered Personnel, effective September 1, 2022, are required to complete the “Core SafeSport Training” by the earlier of 1) prior to regular contact with a Minor Participant; or 2) within the first 45 days of the Covered Personnel taking on the role giving them access to Minor Participants. The “SafeSport Trained” requirement is considered valid for two years.

In addition, the U.S. Center for SafeSport offers a “SafeSport Refresher Course.” All Covered Personnel are required to complete the “SafeSport Refresher Course” on a bi-annual basis. Any individual who has NOT completed the “Core SafeSport Training” requirement should complete those three modules and NOT the “SafeSport Refresher Course.”

The “Core SafeSport Training” and “SafeSport Refresher Course” offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport are available to SDYSA Covered Personnel at *no additional cost*. For more information on accessing these trainings, visit SDYSA’s website at www.southdakotasoccer.com or contact the SDYSA State Office.

In order to maintain compliance with USSF Policy 212-3, Minor Participants will also be offered access to training regarding the prevention of child abuse provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport on an annual basis, with parental consent.

In addition to training regarding the prevention of child abuse for Covered Personnel and Minor Participants, the U.S. Center for SafeSport has made Parent Toolkits available on its website: <https://resources.safesport.org/toolkits/library.html>

Background Screening, Training & Education Compliance

Every Covered Personnel must register with Stack (SDYSA's registration platform) every year ensuring we have all up to date information on file. Upon completion of yearly registration Covered Personnel who are in need of a background check with JD Palatine will be prompted to do so directly after registering. Background checks are good for two years. In addition to the background screening, all Covered Personnel must complete the "Core SafeSport Training" in order to meet the "SafeSport Trained" requirement.

Both an approved background check and completion of the Core SafeSport training is mandatory to obtain a SDYSA issued Player Card. The Player Card is required of any coach, assistant coach, team manager, and team personnel. An approved background check and completion of the Core SafeSport training is also mandatory for any SDYSA administrator or employee, SDYSA Board of Directors member, independent contractors of both SDYSA and Dakota ODP or any other individual seeking affiliation with SDYSA or SDYSA Affiliated Clubs who has direct or indirect contact or influence on a youth player.

Additionally, team approval in the State Registration system is contingent upon coaches' compliance with the Background Screening, Training & Education Policies.