

The Safe Sport Act of 2017

At a time when child abuse has become all too common in the sports world, all youth sports organizations must take action to protect vulnerable youth athletes.

In reaction to recent abuse scandals in youth sports, the United States government has established the Safe Sport Act of 2017 that mandates new safety requirements that aim to protect youth athletes through abuse prevention training and mandated reporting.

THE SAFE SPORT ACT: EXPLAINED

The Safe Sport Act expands existing mandated youth abuse reporting laws and requires abuse awareness training for adults interacting with children on behalf of a youth sports organization.

What organizations are affected?

All youth sports organizations are affected by the Act in one way or another.

Organizations that are affiliated with a national governing body (NGB) should continue to follow their NGBs established Safe Sport directives in order to stay in compliance.

All other youth organizations, no matter the size or where they compete, are required to follow the protocols established by the Safe Sport Act.

What happens to organizations that don't follow the new requirements?

Individuals and organizations found not to be in compliance with the act could receive civil or criminal charges.

What does the Safe Sport Act require of organizations?

The Act requires that all adults who interact with youth athletes must complete abuse awareness training and are required to report suspicions of abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies within 24 hours.

Organizations must also provide a “mechanism for communication” for all participants and volunteers where they can confidentially report incidents of abuse, or suspicion of abuse.

How do I keep my organization in compliance?

Partner with SportsEngine to get access to abuse prevention training and tracking resources.

Stay in compliance with help from SportsEngine

SportsEngine has partnered with Abuse Prevention Systems (APS) to offer comprehensive sexual abuse awareness training for youth sports organizations that fulfill Safe Sport Act requirements. Training topics include:

Facts and Misconceptions

Abuser Characteristics

The Grooming Process

Methods to Reduce Risk

Peer-to-Peer Abuse

If a Child Reports Abuse

Impact on Children

Responsibility to Report

The Complete Safety Solution

MANAGE YOUR ENTIRE SAFETY PROGRAM WITH SPORTSENGINE

From abuse prevention training to background screenings, SportsEngine has you covered. Make it easy for coaches and staff to complete required activities and paperwork, and simple for organization admins to track progress, store information, and execute thorough background screenings.



Abuse awareness training

Quickly assign coaches and staff to complete mandated abuse awareness training courses through our integration with Abuse Prevention Systems (APS). APS provides complete sexual abuse awareness training courses across a variety of topics that fulfill requirements mandated by the Safe Sport Act.



Background screenings

In partnership with the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI), SportsEngine delivers the “Gold Standard” in protecting athletes and organizations by thoroughly investigating all screening subjects through a variety of databases and search parameters.



Complete oversight

Organization admins have complete control of the entire safety program with clear confirmation of completed safety requirements and background screenings by coaches and volunteers.



AutoForms

Take the guesswork out of paperwork by allowing members to digitally sign and accept code of conduct agreements, release forms, waivers, and other forms.



Account permissions

Protect the personal and financial information of your organization's members with account-level permissions that prevent unauthorized users from accessing confidential data.



Platform reliability and security

SportsEngine uses Amazon Web Services' secure, 256-bit encryption to process your payments, store your organization's data, and comply with PCI Level 1 security guidelines.

PRICING

Abuse Prevention Training
\$5 per coach/volunteer

Background Screenings
Starting at \$20.50* per background screening

SportsEngine Platform Safety
Included for all organizations on SportsEngine

*Additional fees may apply in certain jurisdictions.



THE GOLD STANDARD OF SAFETY

Safety is a fundamental piece of SportsEngine's mission to help more kids get out and play.

This is why SportsEngine has partnered and integrated with some of the nation's leading providers of background screening services and abuse prevention training systems to create the “Gold Standard” of safety for youth sports organizations.