

IMPORTANT NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PLAYERS 17 AND OLDER BY DECEMBER 31ST FOR SAFESPORT TRAINING

As a result of new Federal Legislation enacted in February 2018 to protect minors from sexual abuse, USA Hockey adopted new policies and procedures in June 2019 at their Annual Conference which require all players 17 years of age or older on or before December 31st of the playing season and who play on a team in a classification that allows minor aged players and adult aged (18 and over) players to play together, to complete SafeSport Training before being added to a team and prior to participation with the team (on-ice or off-ice). The requirement to complete SafeSport Training applies to all teams in the classifications Youth, Girls, High School, Junior Hockey, Flex Hockey, and Disabled Hockey programs that allow both minor aged and adult aged players. The requirement will therefore apply to the New Trier Girls Hockey teams formed for the 2019-20 season.

Players meeting the above descriptions who have not completed the SafeSport Training cannot be placed on the team's roster in the USA Hockey registration portal (where rosters are created). The computer program will prevent the player from being added to the team until they have completed the training. Because the player is not placed on the Official Roster, they will be prohibited from participating with the team, including attending practices, until the training is completed and the player can be added to the roster.

It is strongly recommended that players act on this new requirement NOW if they are currently 17 or older, or will be on or before December 31st.

The SafeSport Program is free and takes about 90 minutes to complete online. Once the fall season is underway, players will become consumed with school, hockey and other commitments. It is to their advantage to take the SafeSport Program NOW and not wait until it is time to be placed on a roster and practices and games are starting.

You must have a USA Hockey Registration Confirmation Number to register to take the SafeSport Program training. Players registered with USAH for the 2018/19 season can use the USA Hockey Registration Confirmation Number from that season (which is valid until August 31, 2019) to register to take the training. They may also register with USA Hockey for the 2019/20 season now and use that confirmation number to register for the training course. Effective September 1, 2019, registration for the program will require a 2019/20 USA Hockey Registration Number.

To take the SafeSport Program, access the online program via the USA Hockey Website:
<https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>

Or use the direct link to access the SafeSport site:

<https://safesport.org/authentication/register?token=71d4f2f9-bddb-4e6d-bb2a-37211b8999d9>

Similar to the requirement this year to complete the SafeSport Program, additional changes regarding screening in the 2020/2021 season are anticipated. However, for the present time there is not a requirement for these players to be screened for the 2019/20 season.