

Parent Training and Participation Qualification Policy

The safety of players is a top priority for Alexandria Area Hockey Association. To ensure a safe, respectful, and compliant environment for all athletes, a same sex parent or legal guardian per family **must complete** USA Hockey SafeSport training and a background check (background checks good for 2 seasons).

This requirement applies to **all families**, including those with **same-sex parents**, guardians, or blended family structures.

Requirements & Deadline

- SafeSport training and background check must be **completed prior to the team's first game of the season**.
- These requirements must be renewed annually for SafeSport and every other year for background check, per USA Hockey guidelines.

Accountability

- If the same sex parent/guardian has not completed both requirements by the first game, **10 additional DIBS hours will be added to the family's account**.
- These additional DIBS hours are intended to encourage timely participation and shared responsibility.

Why This Matters

- SafeSport and background checks help ensure all adults involved in the program understand appropriate conduct and player protection.
- This policy helps maintain a safe environment for players and ensures every family is contributing fairly to the association.

Families are encouraged to complete these requirements early to avoid added DIBS hours. Please contact the AAHA Board prior to the season start with concerns and questions regarding special circumstances.