



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

SAFESPORT

Safesport Training is a yearly task starting with the 2019/2020 Season. This season (2021/22), USA Hockey has updated its website so that navigation is easier. If you go to the Membership tab you will see a Safesport column with all the needed headlines to click on. The Safesport training page has all the information you will need to complete your task. Once you have done the Core Training, you will do a refresher course the next 3 seasons, and then must repeat the Core Training. This year training for all 17-year-old players (2004 Birth Year) and older. They will need to take the training prior to the start of the playing season and before being able to be rostered. This again will be a yearly renewal. The consent to take the training will be part of the registration for USA Hockey. Parents registering the child will consent for their child to take the Safesport Training when registering. This will include all Youth, Girls and Referees. The Safesport page also has training courses for children of all ages that are free. There is also training for parents.

There is a tab (Training Registration) that explains the steps needed to register for Safesport Training.

The Background Screen Check remains a bi-yearly check. Under the background screen tab at USA Hockey website, it has all the instructions and steps that need to be taken once you apply for your screen. There is also a tab to check on your status if unsure.

<https://www.usahockey.com/backgroundscreen>

There is technical support and policy review procedures available on the background screen page. support@ncsisafe.com

There will be Safesport audits soon at tournaments by the USCSS to make sure the Affiliates are following protocol.



There have also been many changes to the Safesport Handbook and Policies. The USCSS has made some changes to their discretionary jurisdiction, which means they have the option to take other types of cases if they deem necessary.

With all the new changes it will be necessary for all Member Programs to Adopt the Safesport Program Policies and Procedures. This includes Affiliates and Member Programs within these Affiliates. There will soon be Audits done for Compliance and possible sanctions will follow if found noncompliant.

There has been an increase in racial slurs and derogatory language complaints.

It is time that all associations and teams take the time to have talks with coaches, managers and players along with families prior to the start of the seasons to address these problems. There is no place in the game of hockey for this type of behavior.

As of April 1, 2021, you can register for USA Hockey and start doing your Safe Sport Training and your Background Checks. These will be credited to your 2021/22 season.