

Instructions for Required Certifications

If you have any questions throughout the process, please send an email to Diane Hafoka at dhafoka@norcalusasoftball.org.

We are here to help!

Part 1 of 2 - Completing SafeSport and Becoming ACE Certified

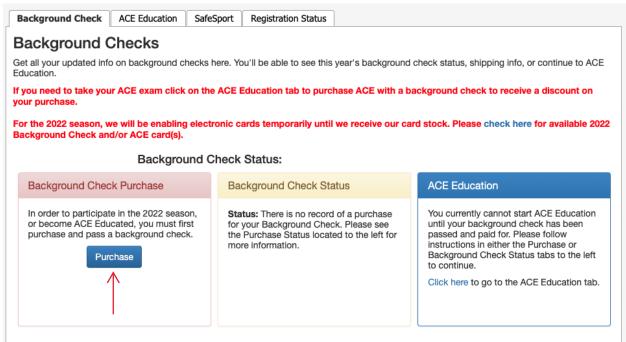
Click on the link below to start the process of completing the above items.

RegisterUSASoftball Website:

https://www.registerusasoftball.com/Account/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx

Log into the website using your past login information or if you are new, create an account by filling in the information under the heading: *Think you may already have an account or want to create one?* Follow the prompts to create an account.

Once you are logged in, scroll to the bottom of the page, make sure you are on the Background Check tab and click **Purchase**.

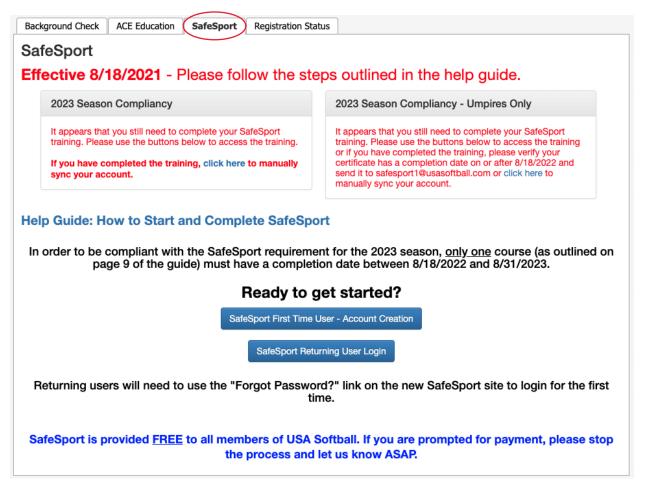


Select the option ACE w/Background.

Fill in the required information for the background check, then complete payment information.

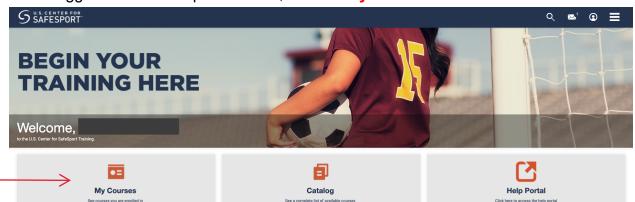
You must go back to the RegisterUSASoftball website to check your clearance of your background check. You will not be notified once you have cleared it, USA Softball puts that responsibility on you. Clearance can take as quick as two minutes and up to two weeks.

After your background check has been cleared, next you will click on the **SafeSport** tab.



First time users will need to create an account. Returning coaches will need to remember their login credentials for their account.

When logged in the SafeSport website, click on My Courses



You will then be prompted which course to complete.

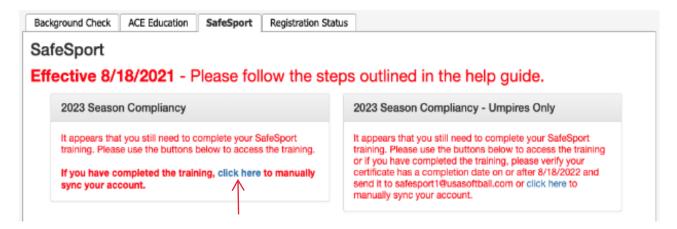
If you are not prompted you may need to enroll or reenroll in a course. The order of courses to complete is as follows: SafeSport Trained NGB1, Refresher 1, Refresher 2, and Refresher 3. Once you have completed the last, Refresher 3, then you start at the beginning again with SafeSport Trained NGB1. Only one course is required per year.

You must complete your SafeSport course before moving onto the ACE certified training.

After completing the coursework for SafeSport, return to the USA Softball Register website:

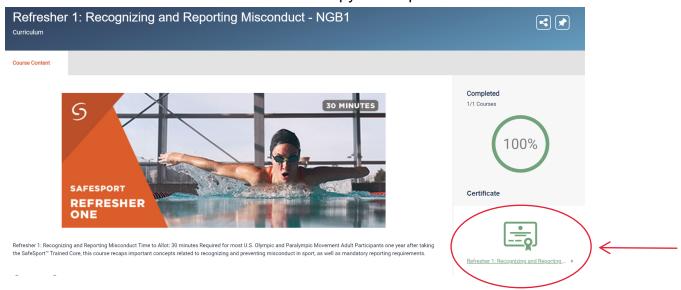
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The SafeSport website and the USA Softball website don't always communicate effectively that you've completed your course work. You may need to sync your account after you complete your training.



If you can not sync your account manually, you will need to complete the following steps:

- 1. Log back into your SafeSport account.
- 2. Click on your most recent course work completed in SafeSport.
- 3. Click under **Certificate** to download a copy of completion of course work.

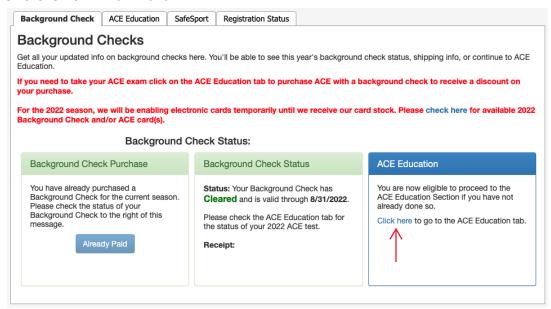


- Send your certificate to dhafoka@norcalusasoftball.org, to assist in syncing your SafeSport account to your USA Softball account.
 - a. You will receive an email notification when the sync is completed so you can move onto the next step of the process.

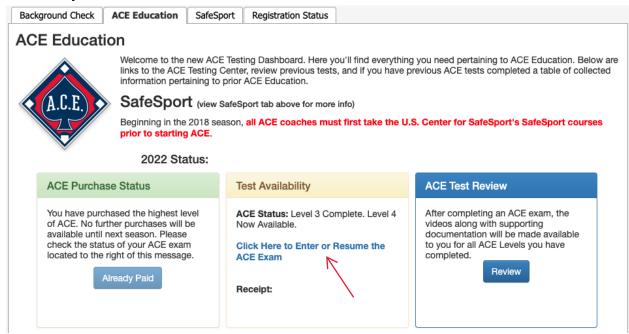
Now you are ready to move onto your ACE certified training.

There are two ways to access the training.

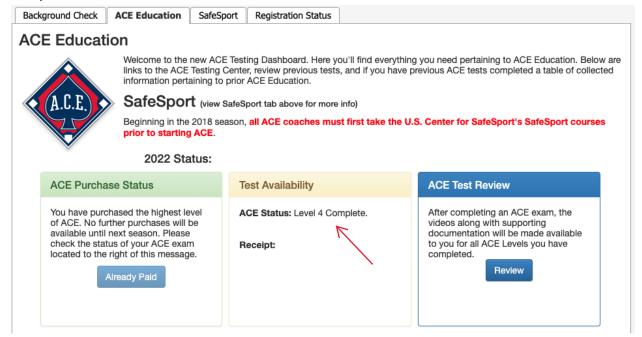
The first, on the Background Check tab, look at the blue highlighted ACE Education tab and click on Click here.



The second way, click on the ACE Education tab and look for the yellow highlighted Test Availability and click on Click Here to Enter or Resume the ACE Exam



You have completed your ACE Education training when the Test Availability reflects complete.



Part 2 of 2 - Completing Concussion Training

You need to complete your concussion training every other year.

Click on the link below to start the process of completing your concussion training. https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html

Scroll down to the heading: Launch the Training and select For Coaches.

Launch the Training

The HEADS UP to Youth Sports: Online Training is available to coaches, parents, sports officials, athletic trainers, and other individuals interested in learning about concussion safety.

Click one of the following links to access the best course for you:

- For Coaches: Click <u>HERE</u> ☐ to launch the course
- For Parents: Click HERE to launch the course
- For Sports Officials and Athletic Trainers: Click HERE to launch the course
- If you are NOT a Coach, Parent, Sports Official or Athletic Trainer: Click HERE 🔼 to launch the course

You will be redirected to an outside website. Then you will either need to create an account or sign into your existing account if you have coached before in our league.

Once you are logged in, click on Pre-Assessment to begin your training.



You will complete a five part course to fulfill your concussion training requirement. At the end of your training, you will take a post-exam. Once you have passed, please download your certificate of completion.



Please send your certificate to dhafoka@norcalusasoftball.org to have uploaded to your Register USA Softball profile.