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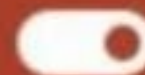
# NWBA Athlete Safety:

*Creating a Safe Environment for All to  
Play, Learn, and Compete*  
Presented by ABC Medical

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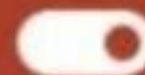
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U.S. Center for SafeSport (**The Center**)

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# SafeSport Policies and Resources



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- The SafeSport Code, the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies and many other NWBA and U.S. Center for SafeSport Resources can be found on the **NWBA website: [www.nwba.org/safesport](http://www.nwba.org/safesport).**
- These policies and resources assist in the development of athlete safeguards as well as help to **provide each athlete a SafeSport environment free from abuse and misconduct.**



# SafeSport Code and MAAPP



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**These are evolving governing documents meaning they are (typically) updated annually. Read these documents—to protect our athletes, our sport and yourself.**

## The Code:

- Covers everything that relates to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Program
- Every member is responsible for knowing the information and is required to comply with all of the policies and procedures outlined in that 53 page document

## The MAAPP:

- includes six Required Prevention Policies: One-on-One Interactions, Massages and Rubdowns/Athletic Training Modalities, Locker Rooms and Changing Areas, Social Media and Electronic Communication, Local Travel and Team Travel.
- [MAAPP Overview](#)

**All NWBA Membership Registrations include a required SafeSport Policies Acknowledgement of these documents.**





# SafeSport Training for Applicable Adults



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The following adults affiliated with the NWBA (collectively **“Applicable Adult”**) are required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport Training which provides the required child abuse prevention training mandated by federal law:

- All NWBA members that are 18 years or older.
- All NWBA members that are 17 years old must complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s “Core” Training, with required parental/legal guardian consent, before their 18th birthday.
- All adults engaged in any activities with NWBA members that are minor athletes:
  - These adults include, but is not limited to, board of directors, employees, staff, contractors, interns, etc.



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- As outlined in the NWBA Policies and Procedures, all individuals:
  - must have a verified complete NWBA Athlete (Junior or Adult) and/or Non-Athlete Registration 10 days prior to their first competition at a NWBA sanctioned event.
  - **registering within 10 days of an NWBA sanctioned event will NOT be eligible to participate.**
- As outlined in the MAAPP, all Applicable Adults are required to:
  - complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's "Core Center for SafeSport Training" and/or the appropriate Refresher Course in subsequent years.
  - **complete the training within 10 days of submitting their NWBA Individual Membership Registration and prior to engaging in any activities with the NWBA.**
- Each SafeSport training is valid for the NWBA Individual Membership Registration season in which it is completed.
  - For example, John Smith completes the U.S. Center for SafeSport's "Core" Training on September 2, 2020 as part of the 2020-2021 NWBA Membership Registration so his training is valid through the season, and he will be required to complete his 2021-2022 NWBA Membership Registration before September 1, 2021 and take the "Refresher 1" course in order to remain compliant with SafeSport requirements.



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The appropriate U.S. Center for SafeSport training (i.e., "Core", "Refresher 1", "Refresher 2" or "Refresher 3") can be accessed upon completion of a NWBA Individual Membership Registration for the current season.

- **Individual Membership Registration for Adult Athletes and Non-Athletes** will have direct access to the training by clicking the "Complete Certification" button provided in the confirmation/welcome email.
- **Individual Membership Registration for APPLICABLE Junior Athletes** will receive an email within 24 hours of submitting their membership registration which contains instructions and the access code to complete the training along with instructions on how to then upload the completion certificate /edit their NWBA Individual Membership Registration to include the necessary SafeSport documentation.



# SafeSport Training for Information for Minor/Youth Athletes and Parents



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The U.S. Center for SafeSport provides training courses for **Youth Athletes**. These free online age-appropriate trainings are designed as an introduction for minor athletes and their parents/legal guardians to understand the importance of positive, welcoming environments in sports, where misconduct like bullying or abuse is less likely to happen, and to know where to report abuse, should it occur.

- **Links to the SafeSport Training for Minor/Youth Athletes Information and Training options can be found here:** <https://www.nwba.org/safesport>

To best protect athletes from abuse or misconduct in our sport, it is critical that **parents/legal guardians of minor athletes** are familiar with the SafeSport Policies and help to ensure that interactions between their children and adults involved with NWBA programs are in compliance with the rules and regulations for those interactions. The NWBA strongly encourages parents/legal guardians to make their children aware of the SafeSport Policies. Parents/Legal guardians should not permit their children to participate in interactions that are not in compliance with SafeSport Policies.

- **Links to the Parent Toolkit and the “Parent’s Guide to Misconduct in Sport” Training can be found here:** <https://www.nwba.org/safesport>



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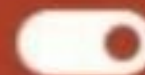


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- The [Response and Resolution Process](#) is a good resource for the U.S. Center for SafeSport and NWBA jurisdictions (The Center is the default way to report).
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# NWBA Background Check Policy

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- **NWBA understands the severity of concussions, and is dedicated to preventing them within our organization.** We have utilized the practices of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention HEADS UP Program to help educate our members on the prevention of concussions, and what to do in the case of suspected concussions.
- The **NWBA website** provides concussion information, a FREE online training course, educational materials and videos: [www.nwba.org/concussionsafety](http://www.nwba.org/concussionsafety)
- For additional information visit: [www.cdc.gov/concussion](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion).
- All NWBA Membership Registrations include a required **Acknowledgement** of the included Concussion information and the HEADS UP program



# NWBA Code of Conduct and Waivers



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- All NWBA Membership Registrations include and require an electronic signature for the:
  - **Code of Conduct**
  - **Waiver of Liability**
  - **Hold Harmless Waiver**
- These documents are an important part of what helps the NWBA in building a safe culture for our sport and creating a safe environment for all members

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# Return to Play & COVID-19 Resources



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## **NWBA's Return to Play**

The NWBA took very intentional and systematic approach to seeking input from athletes, other members, divisional leadership and other stakeholders on the NWBA's return to play for the 2020-21 season. This included a membership survey, team representative survey and ongoing dialogue with divisional leadership/local organizing committees. More information regarding the NWBA's approach and guidelines for Return to Play can be found at <https://www.nwba.org/returntoplay>.

## **COVID-19 Resources & Updates**

The NWBA has centralized important resources and information on the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources are provided to NWBA members by the most trusted health organizations and applicable information for you to reference as it relates to COVID-19. Please feel free to visit <https://www.nwba.org/covid19> for access to these resources.

**Both webpages will be updated on a regular basis**



# Questions?



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