



SafeSport - How do you do SafeSport

Simple.

Set. Direct. Protect.

Set. Be intentional. Learn how to make your team a Safe Sport team.

- Get started. Use the [USAV SafeSport Team Checklist](#) to know what you already have covered and what else you could be doing to keep kids safe.
- Know who you're working with! Conduct thorough screening of employees and volunteers.
- Learn the risks and address them with your team's rules. Familiarize yourself with the [SafeSport Code of Conduct](#), [USAV Code of Conduct](#), [USAV Junior Club Personnel Code of Conduct](#) and adopt the [SafeSport Best Practices](#) as team rules. Make your club's policies and response procedures easily available to all team members on your website.

Direct. Use enthusiastic and frequent communication to teach your club's members about Safe Sport. Talk about your team's values and the behaviors that support and reinforce them.

- Name a [SafeSport Club Coordinator](#) for your club to oversee the SafeSport effort, communicate with coaches, parents, and athletes, and be connected to the RVA, USAV, and National SafeSport volunteers for support and resources.
- Make talking about SafeSport with athletes a regular conversation. Use monthly conversations with 11 and over athletes to facilitate discussion around specific situations and how to report concerns.

Protect. You have spent time and energy to create a culture of safety – Protect it! When something comes up, address it and correct it right away.

- Recognize. Red flag behaviors and boundary violations are small chips in your team's culture that can become big problems if left to fester. Call out and correct these behaviors immediately and encourage all team members to do the same.
- Respond. When a club policy violation comes to your attention, take appropriate action. Be quick to acknowledge the report and take immediate steps to restore safety. Then, diligently collect all the information necessary to determine a thoughtful, informed course of action consistent with your team's policies.
- Report. If you become aware of misconduct or abuse, **you are required to report it**. Know what to report where. Child abuse or neglect, including child sexual abuse, should be reported immediately to local law enforcement. Violations of the [SafeSport Code of Conduct](#) must be

reported to the [US Center for SafeSport](#). Violations of the [USA Volleyball Code of Conduct](#) should be reported to your [Region](#).

Great planning.

Great communication.

Great accountability.

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