**Who needs a USA Hockey number?**

* Everyone:  Please send your USA Hockey number to Jo Geddis, Safety Director, geddisja@gmail.com so she can track completion of SafeSport and Background Screening.

**Who needs to complete SafeSport Training and what has changed?**

* Beginning this season, SafeSport is required every year rather than every other year (however, anyone who completed training in the most recent season (2018-19) will retain valid training status for 2019-20, and will complete training annually beginning in 2020-21)
* A person must first take the course known as “Core Center for SafeSport Training,” which is taken online and takes approximately 90 – 120 minutes to complete. After that a “Refresher Course” is available each subsequent year for a person that has completed the Core Center for SafeSport Training. The Refresher Course takes 30 minutes or less to complete. There is no cost to members of USA Hockey to complete either training course

**If you are unsure if you need to do SafeSport Training this year, just provide Jo with your USA Hockey number and she will let you know what is required this year.** If you have taken SafeSport training recently for another youth sport, you may not need to do the training again.

**Who needs to complete Background Screening?**

* Anyone who is going to have ANY contact with players.   There is a cost for background screening.  If you are unable to pay, please reach out to Jo Geddis.
* Background screening does not follow you from another youth sport, unfortunately.  So, everyone needs to do this, even if you have recently done screening with another youth sports organization.

**Please note: there are system issues with the interface between MEAHA's screening and USA Hockey, so please send me the email you receive stating your background screening is cleared so we can manually clear you.**

**When does the training need to be completed?**

* By October 1 or prior to ANY time spent on the ice with players

Step 1: Register with USA Hockey or confirm that you have a current USA Hockey number

[http://www.usahockeyregistration.com](http://www.usahockeyregistration.com/)

Step 2: Register for SafeSport Training

<http://safesport.rassmantech.webfactional.com/ngb-services/training/>

Step 3: Complete Background Screening

<https://www.meaha.com/page/show/456329-screening-program>