

SafeSport and Background Check Quick Facts

2020 – Players age 18 or 19 are not required to have a Background Check

2020 – Players age 18 or 19 are strongly recommended to take the SafeSport training, but not required

2020 – All adult team personnel in the dugout and on the field, including those in recreational leagues (non-travel), must complete a Background Check and take SafeSport training if the team has players age 17 or under (this includes coaches, scorekeepers, trainers, etc...)

2020 – Umpires age 17 and under – SafeSport training is strongly recommended.

Umpires age 18 and above are required to have Background Checks and SafeSport training when working games involving participants that are under 18 years of age.

2021 – SafeSport training will be mandatory for all players age 18 or 19

Teams must complete the above requirements before they can be approved as a USA Softball sanctioned team.

SafeSport Cross-Certification

- If an individual is SafeSport trained for any other USA governing body (ie...USA Hockey, USA Swimming, etc...), they can go into their SafeSport profile, check USA Softball under the Membership section, and input their Member ID that can be obtained from their HomePlate on their RegisterUSAsoftball.com account. This will allow for the results of their SafeSport training to be shared with USA Softball also.
- If an individual is SafeSport trained for any other sport other than an NGB, they must provide a copy of their certificate to either their USA Softball Commissioner or JO Commissioner. They will then send a copy to USA Softball national office (Stephanie Brown) to make the determination if the courses completed are compatible with the NGB policies.