

## Team Administrators, Coaches, Adult Players, Other Adults, Fast Pitch Umpires

### Safe Sport and Background Checks

This year has brought about changes in our registration process that removed some authority from team administrators; added actions required by coaches and others; and caused some headaches. Some of the coaches and others have yet to fully complete their background checks and/or Safe Sport or have not synced the two together. The following provides some help.

**Background Checks:** Each person has to now give their consent individually to start their background check. No more consent forms. This provides a level of privacy and security. This means each person has to login to their individual registerusasoftball.com account and give their consent. This should appear on their home plate page under background status. Clicking on the consent should bring up a form that the person needs to complete. Once this is done the background check will start. For most people the background check will be completed in a short period of time. Your status will then change to “Cleared”.

**Safe Sport:** You should access Safe Sport through the registerusasoftball.com site. Once you are registered in USA Softball you do not need to pay for Safe Sport. After you login to your registerusasoftball account click on the tab for Safe Sport on your Home Plate. This takes you to a page where you can access a Help Guide and Create an Account or login to your existing account. The Safe Sport site should guide you through the process. Once completed you can print out a certificate. This will require some time on your part.

**Syncing your accounts:** When the Background Check and Safe Sport are completed you need to sync the two so that you and your team can be fully approved on registerusasoftball.com. This will be needed to complete in most tournaments and the state tournament. But most importantly it is a measure to prevent child abuse and document our compliance with federal law. It is federal law (Safe Sport Act of 2017) that a sports organization **offer and provide consistent training to all adult members who are in regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors ... regarding prevention and reporting of child abuse.**

It is important to note that the type of training contemplated under the Act is not merely to identify those who may already have been victimized by abuse by a list of indicators. Instead, it is to learn how to prevent abuse from occurring. In other words, **the training must be proactive rather than reactive.**

**To sync your accounts do the following:**

1. Login to your registerudasoftball.com account.
2. Click on the Safe Sport Tab (third tab from the left).
3. In the 2022 Season Compliancy area - click on “click here”.
4. You will need to enter your Safe Sport Email and Password.
5. Click on the sync button below.