

SafeSport and Background Check Quick Facts

- 2020 – NO players age 18 or 19 participating are 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 certified for any other USA governing body (ie...USA Hockey, USA Swimming, etc...), they can go into their profile and check USA Softball; that will be accepted by USA Softball for certification.
- If an individual is SafeSport certified for any other sport other than a NGB, they must provide a copy or their certificate to either USA Softball of Metro Detroit 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.

