



# NVSL SafeSport Approach

## Summer 2024

# Impact of SafeSport Act on all sports with athletes who are minors

## Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017

### Limit one on one interaction

Sports organizations must establish reasonable procedures to **limit one-on-one interactions between an adult and an amateur athlete who is a minor...** without being in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult

### Abuse Prevention Training

Consistent “**abuse prevention**” training to all adult members who are in regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors, and subject to parental consent, to members who are minors, regarding “prevention and reporting child abuse

### Increased Standard of Care

Any organization involved in youth sports held to an increased “standard of care” regarding **reporting, training, policies and procedures, and periodic safety system reviews**

### Guidelines

- Presence of more than one adult at every activity
- Take-home/pick-up policy to prevent one-on-one situations with a child who was not picked up by parents after practice
- Define appropriate touching of a child
- Avoid socialization with participants outside of sponsored activities

**Successful SafeSport implementation will positively impact our insurance rates**



# The NVSL SafeSport 2024 Approach Focus on Training and Awareness

## Training Groups for 2024 Season

Roles to undergo SafeSport Core or Refresher training for 2024 season:

- Team Reps
- Coaches 18 and over
- Division Coordinators
- NVSL Board

Teams cover cost of training for their team reps, coaches, etc

**Recommend** awareness training for:

- Parents
- Officials
- Coaches under 18 (with parent's permission)
- Athletes (with parent's permission)

## Tracking Completed Training

Teams responsible to track coach and team rep completed training

Recognize completed SafeSport training as well as through other comparable programs

## Complaint Handling Process

Establish internal procedure for receiving and examining complaints

Teams are accountable for addressing issues internally and should not file complaints with SafeSport or NVSL



# SafeSport Training Courses and Costs

Training Provider



Free

## Swimmers

- Age 5 to 12
- Age 13 +

### **SAFESPORT® FOR KIDS** 15 MINUTES

This course educates young athletes ages 5–12 about the difference between discipline and abuse and encourages them to reach out to a trusted adult when something is not right. It also stresses the importance of being a good teammate, positive sportsmanship, and having a healthy sport environment focused on fun and safety. Requires parental consent for registration.

### **SAFESPORT® FOR YOUTH ATHLETES (AGES 13-17)** 15 MINUTES

This course focuses on bullying and hazing prevention, supporting friends who have experienced sexual abuse or misconduct, and resources for reporting. Requires parental consent for registration.

### **PARENT’S GUIDE TO MISCONDUCT IN SPORT** 30 MINUTES

Designed for parents of youth athletes at any age, this free course educates parents on recognizing, responding to, and preventing abuse and misconduct in their child’s sport setting. Featured are voices and perspectives of experts and advocates, with sound guidance on fostering positive and safe sport experiences for children both on field and at home. Parents will come away equipped with information and tactics to minimize risks of harm to their children.

Free

- Parents
- Volunteers

\$10/\$20 / Course

- Team Reps
- Coaches
- NVSL DCs
- NVSL Board



**Year 1: SafeSport® Trained Core** (90 minutes)

**\$20 pp**



**Year 2: Recognizing and Reporting Misconduct** (30 minutes)

**\$9.99 pp**



**Year 3: Preventing Misconduct** (30 minutes)

**Free**



**Year 4: Creating a Positive Sport Environment** (30 minutes)

**\$12.99**

# Access SafeSport Training through the NVSL SafeSport Portal

- SafeSport created a NVSL portal to provide access to all free and self-purchase courses
- Instructions to access the portal and courses are available on the NVSL website

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

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## Portal Registration Guidelines

NVSL’s Organization Member ID is  
**14926812681**

Language	Required
Language	
Date of Birth	Required
MM/DD/YYYY	
Organization Member ID (or enter N/A)	Required
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Role	
Role	
Name of Sport or Community Organization	Required

Enter your pool name in the  
**Name of Sport or Community Organization**  
field