

## USWCA Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

The United States Women's Curling Association requires its elected Officers (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Comptroller) as well as its elected USWCA/USCA Liaison to complete SafeSport certification by May 30th of their first term of service. They are also required to complete certification renewals per SafeSport recommendations as long as they remain in office even if they do not have direct contract with minor athletes.

The United States Women's Curling Association requires all Standing Committee Chairs to complete SafeSport certification by August 1 of their first term of service. They are also required to complete certification renewals as recommended by SafeSport throughout their term of service even if they do not have direct contact with minor athletes.

The United States Women's Curling Association recommends onsite chairs and volunteers for USWCA-sponsored events that may include minor athletes to have completed SafeSport certification before the first day of play for that event. This recommendation must be added to the Procedural Manuals of all affected events.

### SafeSport Certification Process

To obtain a certificate of completion, individuals must sign up for the USOC SafeSport online program and complete all evaluation exercises by using the USCA Curling site: <https://www.usacurling.org/take-the-training>. USA Curling provides its members with the opportunity to complete the training for free.

Any affected USWCA elected Officer or appointed Chair who is NOT a member of a USCA club and therefore does not have access to the USCA Curling's SafeSport training, must complete the training on their own by using the site below: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/training-and-education> and submit a reimbursement form to the USWCA Comptroller. Note: The training takes approximately 90 minutes to complete.

SafeSport certification is good for one year, so Chairs and Officers who remain in office longer than one year will need to renew before May 30 for the former or August 1 for the latter of their second and following years of service in affected positions.

Upon completion, copies of training certificates must be submitted to the USWCA Rules Chair for tracking.

The USWCA Executive Council administers exceptions, extensions and other extraordinary circumstances affecting the completion of this training. An Officer or Chair who fails to complete the training within a reasonable time period may be removed from their position at the discretion of the Executive Council.

*Governance Motion to add All Standing Committee Chairs adopted by Board of Directors 9/17/23*