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Arizona Region of USA Volleyball SafeSport Parent/Participant Form

2024-2025 Season



The US Olympic and Paralympic Committee, USA Volleyball and the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball are committed to creating a safe and positive environment for its participants' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring it promotes an environment free from abuse and misconduct. As part of this program, the above have implemented policies intended to reduce, monitor and govern the areas where potential abuse and misconduct might occur.

The policies that are currently part of the SafeSport Program are defined on the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball SafeSport Program document and in the USAV SafeSport Handbook and Resource page of the USAV website <https://usavolleyball.org/safesport/>. Those policies include:

- Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- Hazing
- Harassment, including Sexual Harassment
- Emotional Misconduct
- Physical Misconduct
- Sexual Misconduct

While other team members may often be the perpetrator of abuse and/or misconduct, it is a violation of these policies if a coach or other responsible adult knows or should have known of the abusive behavior but takes no action to intervene on the behalf of the targeted participant(s).

Parent education is one of the keys to keeping a program safe from abuse and misconduct. Parents can assist by helping to avoid situations in which misconduct can occur, by being aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse and by reporting suspected abuse. Parent Resources can be found at <https://usavolleyball.org/safesport/for-parents/>

Parent/spectator behavior has become a major issue at tournaments. Aggressive language or behavior, belittling and harassing junior players, line judges, scorers, R2 officials, R1 officials, site directors or other tournament personnel is not "part of the game". It is abuse. Visit <https://loudounelitevb.com/page/show/7667661-sports-parents> on how to be a better sports parent. Parent behavior is the number one reason we are losing officials and facilities to host.

USA Volleyball and the Arizona Region have adopted the USOPC's SafeSport training materials. These training materials which include a series of online training videos and other resources can be found on <https://usavolleyball.org/safesport/safesport-training/>. Everyone is encouraged to take the SafeSport Training and Make the Commitment to Stop Abuse in Sport. The SafeSport Training course for credit as a coach/official/chaperone is available after registering through the Member Management System and then accessed through the USAV Academy. USA Volleyball has created a dedicated webpage for Athlete Resources. This can be found at <https://usavolleyball.org/safesport/for-athletes/>

If your chosen club does not talk to you about SafeSport and let you know who their SafeSport Contact is for the club, ASK THEM for their SafeSport policies and the SafeSport Contact for the Club.

Depending on the type of issue, report all actual or perceived violations to your club's SafeSport contact, the Arizona Region SafeSport Contact, USA Volleyball SafeSport and/or local law enforcement.

My signature below indicates that I have read the Arizona Region SafeSport Program document and discussed it with my child who is applying for membership. I understand that this signed form (page 3 of this document) is required to complete my child's membership with the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball.

NOTE: It is a requirement for all junior players that have turned 18 or will be turning 18 during the current season to take the SafeSport Core Training prior to being placed on a team roster.

Print Participant Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____