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## **ATTENTION USA WRESTLING COACHES, OFFICIALS, CHARTERED CLUB AND SANCTIONED EVENT DIRECTORS**

### **SafeSport Certification Requirement for USA Wrestling Coaches & Officials**

For the safety of our athletes, particularly our youth athletes, USA Wrestling is committed to providing a safe environment in which our athletes compete and train. We believe this is paramount to the success of all our athletes and programs. Success on the mat is important, but can never be secondary to the safety and well-being of our athletes.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and USA Wrestling require all member coaches, officials, Board Members, and employees to complete the USOC SafeSport course and certification. It is also highly recommended that parents of athlete members take the course, which is available with other materials for free at [www.safesport.org](http://www.safesport.org) – be sure to click on “Training” to see the course.

The SafeSport course is an online training module put together by the USOC. The course covers fourteen lesson areas that include, but are not limited to, sexual, physical and emotional misconduct; local and overnight travel; bullying and harassment. The training videos in total are approximately 90 minutes long and include quizzes and a final exam.

### **USA Wrestling Club Charter/Event Sanction Requirement**

Beginning with the 2017-18 membership season, all directors of USA Wrestling chartered clubs and sanctioned events must be a member coach and/or official of USA Wrestling and be of at least 18 years of age.

In order to become a member coach and/or official of USA Wrestling, one must pass the mandatory background screening that has been in effect since 2008-09 and be SafeSport certified. Both the background screening and SafeSport certification are linked directly to the member’s profile in USA Wrestling’s membership system, which is available at [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.com).

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