



***New USEF rule is a mandate for all adult competing members.***

The US Equestrian Federation announced a rule change on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, requiring that, effective January 1, 2019, all USEF members 18 and over with an Adult Competing Membership must complete Safe Sport training in order to be eligible to participate in USEF activities, including competitions. Since that announcement, the Federation reports that over 3,500 USEF members completed the Safe Sport training. To provide further guidance, below are a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the new rule change.

**Where can I locate the required Safe Sport training? How long does it take?** The required Safe Sport Core Training is on the U.S. Center for SafeSport website, which has Instructions on how to set up an account and access the training. It will take approximately 90 minutes to complete and consists of three modules: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Mandatory Reporting, and Emotional and Physical Misconduct. All three modules must be completed in order to satisfy the requirement. □ □

**Who is required to take the Safe Sport training?**

Any USEF member who is 18 years old and above and who has a USEF Adult Competing Membership is required to take the Safe Sport training, including amateurs, professionals, and owners who have an annual, three-year, or lifetime membership. The Safe Sport training requirement does not include USEF Fan Members. □

**How long do I have to complete the requirement?**

All USEF Adult Competing Members must complete the training within 30 days of joining or

renewing their membership. USEF will provide members who renew or join on or after December 1, 2018, a 30-day grace period to complete the Safe Sport training. Members joining prior to December 1, 2018, will have until January 1, 2019, to complete the training. □ □

### **What happens if I do not comply with the training requirement?**

Those who do not complete the Safe Sport training will be ineligible to participate in USEF activities, including competitions. □

### **How often do I need to complete the Safe Sport training?**

The required Safe Sport Core Training (approximately 90 minutes) only needs to be completed once. A Safe Sport Refresher training course, which takes approximately 30 minutes, must be completed annually thereafter. US Equestrian is providing Adult Competing Members a 30-day grace period to complete the training. □ □



### **What happens if I join or renew at a horse show?**

If someone joins or renews at a horse show, they have 30 days to take the training. □ □

### **If I have already taken the Safe Sport training, do I have to take it again?**

If you have taken Safe Sport Core Training, approximately 90 minutes, after January 1, 2018, you will not need to take the Safe Sport Core Training again. If you have taken an older version of the Safe Sport Core Training prior to January 1, 2018, you will need to complete the new version to be eligible to participate in USEF activities, including competitions. □ □

### **How long does it take for USEF to receive notification that someone has completed the Safe Sport training?**

It can take up to 48 hours for USEF to receive notification and the system to reflect that someone has taken the training. At the end of completing all three training modules, you can print a certificate that says "SafeSport Trained" for verification purposes. □ □

### **How will show secretaries and competition managers know if someone has taken the Safe Sport training?**

Competition management and secretaries will have access to a combined Suspension and Ineligibility List in the same manner as the current Suspension List to identify those who are ineligible to compete. USEF Safe Sport Training records from the U.S. Center for SafeSport automatically update the USEF system every 24 to 48 hours. If a person appears on the Safe Sport Training Ineligibility list but has completed their training before the system updates, they can print and take a copy of the SafeSport Trained certificate to the show office to prove they are eligible to compete. Anyone who has passed the 30-day grace period without taking the training will show up as ineligible to compete. □ □

### **Why is there not a Safe Sport training for US Equestrian junior members?**

There is a Safe Sport Training module for youth in the works. This training will be available approximately in October, 2018. Currently, there is a free Safe Sport training module for parents in addition to a Safe Sport Parent Toolkit, which has information for parents of preschool, middle school, and school-age children. □ □

### **Why do I have to take the Safe Sport training when I have little or no interaction with those under the age of 18 years old?**

US Equestrian's Safe Sport Policy and the rules that govern it have been created to protect all athletes from misconduct. Recognizing the signs and behaviors associated with abuse will help all of us to prevent it. In addition, the training covers information on reporting and, under federal law, we all have a mandate to report any reasonable suspicion of sexual misconduct with a minor. □ □

### **Do parents have to complete the Safe Sport training?**

A parent signing an entry blank is not required to be a USEF member. We encourage all parents to take the free Safe Sport Parent's Training and to become USEF Members to stay informed. □ □

### **Can entire barns take the training together?**

Currently that option is not available. □

### **If the owner of my horse has not taken the Safe Sport training, is the horse ineligible to compete?**

Horses entered under owners who are on the Safe Sport Ineligibility List are ineligible to compete at USEF-sanctioned competitions. □ □

### **Do Farm Members have to take Safe Sport training?**

Farm entities are not required to take Safe Sport training. □ □

### **How do I get in contact with Safe Sport for technical support?**

Please call 720-676-6417 for technical support or email [help.desk@safesport.org](mailto:help.desk@safesport.org). For assistance setting up a Safe Sport account, please call 720-531-0344. □

Additional information and resources on Safe Sport, how to report sexual and non-sexual misconduct, access to a free training module for parents of equestrian athletes, a Safe Sport

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FAQ, the Safe Sport Sanctions list, and more can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) , navigate to Safe Sport Training on the member dashboard.