The US Sailing SafeSport policy applies to:

**US Sailing Leadership and Staff** – The following shall complete SafeSport training and a background check before contact with athletes begins, and in any case within 45 days of assuming their new role:

- Members of the US Sailing Board of Directors
- Members of the Olympic Sailing Committee
- US Sailing staff and interns

**Coaches contracted by US Sailing** who have regular contact with athletes or authority over athletes and are associated with US Sailing Championships, the Olympic Development Program or the US Sailing Team, shall complete SafeSport training and a background check as a prerequisite for appointment or hire.

**Support persons**, as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (Definitions: Support Person (a)), including but not limited to medical and therapeutic personnel and boatwrights, who are contracted by US Sailing and associated with US Sailing Championships, the Olympic Development Program or the US Sailing Team, shall complete SafeSport training and a background check before contact with athletes begins, and in any case within 45 days of assuming their new role.

**Master Instructor Trainers and Instructor Trainers** for US Sailing Smallboat, Keelboat, Powerboat, Adaptive and Reach programs shall complete SafeSport training and a background check as a prerequisite for certification.

**Athletes**

Adult members (18 years and older) of the following teams shall complete SafeSport training and a background check before contact with minor athletes and in any case within 45 days of being named to the team. Team members who will turn 18 during an event shall complete SafeSport training and a background check (with parental consent) before the event begins.

- Olympic Games Team
- Pan American Games Team
- Youth Olympic Games Team

Adult members of the following teams shall complete SafeSport training before contact with minor athletes and in any case within 45 days of being named to the team. Team members who
will turn 18 during an event shall complete SafeSport training (with parental consent) before the event begins.

- US Sailing Team
- Youth Worlds Team
- Olympic Development Program (ODP) Travel Teams

**Other Individuals** who have *regular contact* with or authority over athletes include the following and must complete SafeSport training:

- Adult certified Instructors shall complete SafeSport training as a prerequisite for certification and shall complete SafeSport training annually thereafter.
- Certified Race Officials shall complete SafeSport training as a prerequisite for certification and shall complete SafeSport training annually thereafter.
- Adult Sailing Counselors shall complete SafeSport training upon completion of the Sailing Counselor Course.
- Certified Instructors who reach their 18th birthday shall complete SafeSport training before contact with minor athletes, and in any case no more than 45 days after their 18th birthday.
- Committee chairs responsible for a US Sailing Championship shall complete SafeSport training before contact with athletes begins and in any case within 45 days of assuming their new role.
- Adult volunteers at a US Sailing Youth or Junior Championship who have *regular contact* with or authority over minor athletes shall complete SafeSport training before the Championship begins. Volunteers who shall complete training include but are not limited to competitor housing hosts, medics, doctors, nurses, safety officers and airport pickup/drop off drivers. US Sailing strongly recommends that others involved with these events complete SafeSport training.
- Adult staff, members, and volunteers at US Sailing Member Organizations who have *regular contact* with or authority over minor athletes shall complete SafeSport Training.

**Strongly Recommended** – In addition, US Sailing strongly recommends that the following individuals complete SafeSport training:

- Members of US Sailing Championship committees
- Adult members of US Sailing who do not have *regular contact* with or authority over minor athletes
- Parents, as defined as *support persons* in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (Definitions: *Support Person (b)*)