





## USATT Safe Sport Protocol Communication of Safe Sport Policy to Tournament Participants

Full Information for USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available on the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

This page includes links for:

1. The USATT Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ["MAAPP"];
2. The SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements;
3. The US Center for SafeSport's Toolkit for Parents;
4. USATT Safe Sport Compliance Protocol (**Who Must Be Safe Sport Compliant and How a Person Becomes Safe Sport Compliant**); and
5. Frequently asked Questions Regarding Safe Sport Compliance.

### **PERSONS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT**

Under USATT Safe Sport Policy, persons holding certain **Positions of Authority** must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for Safe Sport (once per year) and undergo a criminal background screen (every two years). The list of Positions of Authority requiring **Full Safe Sport Compliance** is set out in USATT's Safe Sport Policy and the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT Website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

### **USATT COACHING POLICY**

All persons who are engaged in **coaching activities** at USATT Affiliated Member Clubs and/or USATT Sanctioned Tournaments, **except parents or legal guardians coaching their own children**, must be **Fully Safe Sport Compliant**, which requires completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years.

### **ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFESPORT TRAINING**

Pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, **ALL Adult Participants** (participants over the age of 18) **who have regular contact with or authority over minor aged athletes** must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year ("SafeSport Trained").

### **CONTACT USATT TO BECOME SAFESPORT TRAINED AND/OR FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT**

USATT is pleased to assist USATT Members in the process of becoming SafeSport Trained and/or Fully Safe Sport Compliant. Please contact USATT at [Admin@usatt.org](mailto:Admin@usatt.org) for more information and guidance in this process.

### **MANDATORY REPORTING**

There are certain circumstances where **reporting a potential Safe Sport violation is mandatory**. These circumstances include: (i) child abuse; (ii) sexual misconduct; (iii) emotional and physical misconduct; (iv) criminal charges and/or dispositions involving sexual misconduct or misconduct involving minors; (v) any abuse of the Safe Sport process. **Child abuse must be immediately reported to local law enforcement**. To learn more about the appropriate agency where you can submit a report of child abuse, log onto: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting>.

### **HOW TO REPORT SAFE SPORT VIOLATION**

Persons can report a suspected violation of USATT's Safe Sport Policy to:

1. The US Center for SafeSport at [www.SafeSport.org](http://www.SafeSport.org) (or by phone during regular business hours at: 720-531-0340); and/or
2. The USATT Athlete Protection Officer Mark Thompson ([mark.thompson@usatt.org](mailto:mark.thompson@usatt.org)) (719-329-4200).

I understand USATT's Safe Sport Policy including the organization's Coaching Policy, which requires that all persons who are engaged in coaching activities at USATT Affiliated Member Clubs and/or USATT Sanctioned Tournaments, except parents or legal guardians coaching their own children, must be fully Safe Sport Compliant, which includes completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years.

I understand that, pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, all participants at USATT Sanctioned Tournaments who are over the age of 18 and have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes must complete annual SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport.

More information on USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available at:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-tabletennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>

**USA TABLE TENNIS**

**Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement**

**Tournament:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or my minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:
2. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my minor understand the nature of Table Tennis Activities and that I and/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
3. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH, HARASSMENT, EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND LANGUAGE ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or my child's own actions, or inaction, or the actions or inaction of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SEVERE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
4. HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES, COSTS, AND/OR DAMAGES FOLLOWING SUCH INJURY, DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEEES" NAMED BELOW;
5. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE USA TABLE TENNIS, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, officials, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I and/or my minor child, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.
6. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 18):