



## AMERICAN SOKOL SAFESPORT PROTOCOL Revised 6.23.20, Effective 9.1.20

**Our original American Sokol SafeSport Protocol went into effect as of July 28, 2019.**

### Purpose

American Sokol is committed to creating and maintaining a community where persons of all ages who participate in our sports and activities can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of all forms of emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct.

### Protocol

- 1) All instructors and volunteers who interact with minors in an ongoing capacity for their Unit, District or American Sokol must take the SafeSport on an annual basis. Failure to comply with this directive will result in:
  - a. **Unit Members will not be eligible to participate in any Slet events that involve minors (this includes any competitions, coaching, chaperoning, etc.), and**
  - b. **Unit will not be eligible to apply for American Sokol Grants as they will be considered to be not in compliance.**
- 2) American Sokol must be informed when this training is completed. If this training has already been completed, the National Office of American Sokol must be informed of name of participant and date of completion. To fulfill this requirement the person's name, date of completion, and copy of SafeSport certificate and background verification must be sent to [mfiordelis@yahoo.com](mailto:mfiordelis@yahoo.com) ; a copy of this information will also be filed in the National Office. (See #5 in the next section for the reimbursement process).
- 3) All units/members/volunteers/employees to report all known or suspected child sexual abuse to local law enforcement first, then US Center for SafeSport, and our National Office. If an allegation reported to the US Center for SafeSport involves child abuse or neglect, they will also comply with all federal or state reporting requirements.
- 4) No one should investigate suspicions or allegations of child abuse or neglect, nor attempt to evaluate the credibility or validity of allegations as a condition of reporting to the appropriate law enforcement. For state-by-state reporting information, visit <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting/>.
- 5) American Sokol requires all forms of non-sexual misconduct and SafeSport Policy Violations to be reported to our National Office, [mfiordelis@yahoo.com](mailto:mfiordelis@yahoo.com)
- 6) The American Sokol encourages all parents to take the parent course and that athletes take advantage of the athlete training resources available. These show what both groups should be looking out for. There is no cost for these from SafeSport org.

## How/Where to Take This Training

- 1) Any Unit which is a USAG club member or any coach who is a USAG professional member is mandated to take SafeSport training. Training may be completed through the USAG website so they have documentation of this certification. However, USAG does not require the full training on an annual basis. American Sokol does, so in the years USAG is not requiring their members to take the full training, American Sokol USAG members should take the training through [www.Safesport.org/training](http://www.Safesport.org/training).
- 2) AAU does not offer SafeSport Training through their website. AAU members and anyone else can take this training through [www.Safesport.org/training](http://www.Safesport.org/training). Cost of this 90-minute training is \$20 per person whether through USAG or SafeSport. You can download the SafeSport Training certificate after successful completion.
- 3) Besides the annual SafeSport Training, an annual background check must also be completed.
- 4) American Sokol continues to help cover these expenses.
- 5) The process for Units to obtain reimbursement for the SafeSport Training is:
  - a. Only Units can request reimbursement for their members or others who interact with youth participants in an ongoing basis in their unit.
  - b. Units will need to supply us with names of those taking this certification as well as a copy of their certificate of completion (SafeSport Training and Background Check). The units are responsible for vetting the people they are submitting for reimbursement to make sure they have successfully completed this training and have valid certificates. The reimbursement form must be approved by the Unit President or their delegate.
  - c. This information will need to be turned in to [mfiordelis@yahoo.com](mailto:mfiordelis@yahoo.com) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of the quarter; i.e. January, April, August, October. Reimbursement will continue for the foreseeable future.
  - d. The Risk Management Committee is responsible for tracking compliance and reporting data to the American Sokol Foundation Committee and the American Sokol Executive Board to assist in the compliance process.

For a recap of what is required for compliance with our SafeSport Protocol and reimbursement information, click the following [link](#).

For further information on what information is covered under the SafeSport Policy, click the following [link](#).

For reimbursement forms, click the following [link](#).