

USBC: RVP Changes and Education Opportunities



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The 2019-2020 season is upon us and we wanted to inform you of some additions to USBC Youth programs as part of USBC's relationship with the U.S. Center for SafeSport (Center).

The Center is an independent 501c(3) non-profit organization focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport. Its resources and regulations are used by all sports under the governance of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The Center has created training courses for all ages from preschool children to those adults working with minors.

USBC's Registered Volunteer Program which previously included a criminal background screening has been expanded to include the Center's 90-minute core course covering mandatory reporting, sexual misconduct awareness education and emotional and physical misconduct.

All USBC Youth League officers are required to be Registered Volunteers and complete the course prior to the league starting. In addition, all USBC Certified coaches are included in the Registered Volunteer Program requirement.

The Center's Core Training is also now required for anyone 18 years of age or older bowling with members 17 years of age or younger in any USBC league.

The Center has also created Youth Athlete Training courses. These optional FREE resources include courses for children of preschool age; grades K-2; grades 3-5; middle school and high school. These online trainings are designed as an introduction for minor athletes and their parents or other caregivers to understand the importance of positive, welcoming environments in sports, where misconduct like bullying or abuse is less like to happen, and to know where to report abuse, should it occur.

Your child can access any of these courses at [BOWL.com/RVP](https://www.bowl.com/rvp) by clicking on the Enrollment, SafeSport Training link.

We hope your child has a successful 2019-2020 season. Please contact our staff at USBC headquarters if you have any questions about these policies or resources.

Sincerely,

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