

Seminole Jr Warhawk SafeSport Act Policy

What is the SafeSport Act?

The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 was created in reaction to the abuse found various youth sports organizations, including USA Gymnastics. This act will create new a standard of care that will affect youth-serving organizations across the country.

SafeSport policy for SJWB

I. Purpose

To provide a procedure and establish guidelines for all persons to comply with all National, State, Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken laws, rules and regulations as it pertains to safety of the kids who play at our park.

II. Scope

This policy will apply to all Volunteers, including but not limited to board members, managers, coaches, or any team representative that would be on the fields or in the dugouts in proximity of kids.

III. Policy

(1) Background checks are mandatory for all and must be completed through the leagues portal system.

(2) Safe Sports Act training is mandatory. All Volunteers must complete the following three courses which can be found ar USABASEBALL.com

SafeSport: Mandatory Reporting

SafeSport: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education

SafeSport: Emotional and Physical Misconduct

The certificates which are given after these classes must be presented to the league and will be kept on file by the league.

(3) Both of the above requirements must be completed on a yearly basis.

(4) All volunteers will be considered as “Mandatory Reporters” by our league. The definition and responsibility of this title can be learned, and they will be held to, in the courses above.

(5) The league, in addition to proper authorities, shall be notified in writing of any possible issues immediately.

IV. Violations

Any non-compliant persons will not be allowed to be in contact with kids on fields or dugouts, and will be immediately removed from the situation.

Further or continued violation will be reviewed to the SJWB Board for further punitive action to include up to disbanding from league.

All Volunteers must acknowledge the potential legal responsibility they are undertaking by agreeing to this policy.

Protocols / Instructions regarding SafeSports Act at SJWBaseball

Background Checks

(1) Sign up to volunteer in the league portal. Background check information must be entered upon registration as a volunteer. That's it, done.

SafeSport Courses

(1) Goto the webpage usabaseball.com

- Navigate to Sport Development > Online Education

- Click the VIEW COURSES button. Here you will find a wide range of courses offered. The three mandatory courses are as follows:

 - SafeSport: Mandatory Reporting

 - SafeSport: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education

 - SafeSport: Emotional and Physical Misconduct

- You will be required to create an account to take these courses.

- Add each of these courses to your cart, there are no costs for these courses.

- Once you checkout with these free courses, your account page will list them available to take.

- Upon completion of each course, you will be given the opportunity print your certificate.

(2) All 3 printed certificates MUST be given to the league. Give them to your Division Director.

Reporting

In the event you feel there is an issue/situation which needs to be reported you must comply to the laws and rules stipulated in the courses you have taken. You must also report any possible issues to the League IN WRITING. This can be done to any board member.