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## **What is the USBC Registered Volunteer Program?**

The United States Bowling Congress' Registered Volunteer Program was created in 2006 to protect the youths who participate in USBC Youth programs. Providing a safe environment for youth bowlers is USBC's highest priority.

Everyone deserves to participate in sports free from bullying, hazing, sexual misconduct, or any form of emotional or physical abuse. USBC's Registered Volunteer Program is designed to ensure all who work with youth members are dedicated to that objective.

Any legal adult (18 & over) who has "regular contact" with a minor (17 & under) must complete the free SafeSport training. This would include adults bowling in adult/youth leagues and Adult leagues, as well as youth members 18, 19, and 20 years old bowling in youth leagues. Youth members turning 18 during the season, will be required to complete the SafeSport training to continue bowling in youth leagues.

A league made up entirely of adults (18 & over) is not required to take any training. A league may adopt a minimum age requirement rule (18 & older) if it wishes.

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League officials who have minors in their competition must complete both the Safe-Sport training and a background check by NCSI (National Center for Safety Initiatives).

Tournament participants are exempt from this requirement, as tournaments are not defined by the legislation as “regular contact.”