



## The USASF and Athlete Safety: Information for Parents

Athlete safety in every regard is of critical importance for the US All Star Federation (USASF). We have implemented many steps to help promote safety, and we encourage everyone – athletes, their families, club owners and event producers – to be familiar with our practices and processes. Only by all of us working together can we be successful in achieving greater athlete safety, and we know you, as parents, share that goal. No other organization for All Star cheer and dance has implemented the range and breadth of resources that we have around athlete safety, because we know how important it is.

Here are some important tips:

- Make sure you and your athlete have read and understood the USASF's Code of Conduct & Compliance. It's on our website ([www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net)) under Athlete Protection ([USASF Code of Conduct and Compliance \(The Code\)](#)).
- You can access information about how to report conduct that is forbidden by The Code, including a link to filing a report online: [www.usasf.net/reporting](http://www.usasf.net/reporting).
- Another key element of athlete safety is the USASF Adult Directory ([USASF Adult Directory](#)). You should ascertain that anyone who teaches, coaches or otherwise supports your athlete in cheer and dance is listed in this directory.
- The USASF publishes, in conjunction with USA Cheer, the Unified Ineligible List ([USASF/USA Cheer Unified Ineligible List](#)) which is a list of those who are ineligible for membership or have restrictions.
- USASF has significantly expanded our resources for athlete safety through partnerships such as Safe at All Star, putting us at the vanguard of youth athletic organizations for athlete protection. This includes educational content, training for all members, a helpline and online information. You can learn more at [www.usasf.net/safe-at-allstar](http://www.usasf.net/safe-at-allstar).
- USASF members have access to the Safe@AllStar App which sends out an alert when a child is missing at an event, using the assistance of the crowd to locate the athlete. We are committed to continuing to enhance the resources offered to our members through Safe at AllStar, so watch for more information coming soon.
- Making sure your athlete's USASF membership is current, as well as those adults with whom they come in contact have a current USASF membership. The USASF Adult Directory ([USASF Adult Directory](#)) allows you to search for those with a current USASF affiliation or Membership and have a current green-light background screening and completed abuse prevention education. At this time, our jurisdiction covers members and applicants. If an Adult Member's name does not appear on this list it could mean they didn't apply, they do not meet and/or have not completed the membership requirements, or their application is paused pending investigation or appeal. Please help us, help All Star promote Athlete Safety. These lists and resources help increase the layers of safety for the All Star community.

We are offering a webinar geared to parents of USASF Athletes to better understand the Athlete Protection Process hosted by our Conduct and Compliance Department on **October 5th at 8 pm EST**. An email regarding registration will be sent to members shortly.

We are thrilled that your athlete is a member of USASF, which proudly works together with athletes, Club owners, coaches and over 80+ event producers around the country to promote athlete safety.

Remember, every day, tens of thousands of USASF members are doing things right! We must work together to prevent misconduct by the few so that the good is the only thing that defines All Star.