USA Surfing Safe Sport Covered Individuals (Tier 1 and 2) and Future Full Sport Roll Out (Tier 3)

Categories of Individuals within the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s Disciplinary Jurisdiction

Tier 1 (Covered Individuals with direct contact or in authority positions, and Board)

- Employees
- Medical Staff
- Para-medical Staff
- Physical Therapists
- Massage Therapists
- Chiropractors
- Trainers
- Coaches
- Board Members
- Any individual who is an athlete or non-athlete participant USA Surfing formally authorizes, approves or appoints to a position of authority over athletes or to have frequent contact with athletes, such as persons compensated and/or appointed by USA Surfing to perform services at sanctioned activities run by USA Surfing, such as camps, competitions and training or educational event (including chaperones and volunteers as needed for specific events)

Tier 2 (As adult athletes join as official Olympic hopefuls, these will be Covered Individuals)

- Athletes age 18 and over
- Team Managers
- Athlete Support Personnel
- Agents

Tier 3 (working toward total sport inclusion in the future)

- Officials
- Judges
- Event Staff
- Scoring Operators
- Video Camera Operators
- Event Announcers
- Event Photographers
- Team Photographers
- Event Security
- Committee Members
- Volunteers
- Chaperones

While these policies do not directly apply to USA Surfing Affiliated Organizations / Member Organizations and individuals within those organizations unless they fall into one of the above listed classifications, USA Surfing encourages all member organizations to adopt similar SafeSport policies and procedures. Access to SafeSport training and background investigations is offered as benefits to member organizations. Member organizations are also encouraged to reach out to USA Surfing and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport for assistance in cases of abuse or harassment within their organizations.