



The American Driving Society, Inc.

The ADS and Safe Sport

SafeSport is a right of all athletes, and The American Driving Society, Inc. (ADS) supports this initiative. Our policy statement is below, along with our position on drug testing.

The ADS will reciprocate any sanction imposed by The U.S. Center for SafeSport (Center) for a violation of the SafeSport laws or by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) for violation of its Drugs & Medications policies upon written notice of ADS member violation from the Center or USEF.

Driving should be enjoyed by all and safe for all. Please take a moment to read our policy below.

The ADS supports the practice of SafeSport, as follows:

There are numerous reasons to engage in equestrian sport at any level, from the beginner to the Olympic athlete. Equestrians share a love for the sport and a personal bond with the horse. People often engage in equestrian sport, whether in the role of an athlete, official, staff member, or other participant because of their love of horses and simply to have fun. In addition, equestrian sport encourages a healthy lifestyle and builds self-confidence.

Unfortunately, sport can also be a high-risk environment for misconduct. All forms of misconduct are both intolerable and in direct conflict with the Center's statements and ADS' policies ensuring fairness, safety and enjoyment for an ever growing number of people.

There are six primary types of misconduct covered in this SafeSport statement for the purpose of athlete protection:

- Emotional Misconduct
- Physical Misconduct
- Sexual Misconduct
- Bullying
- Harassment
- Hazing

Misconduct may damage an athlete's psychological well-being. Athletes who have been mistreated may experience social embarrassment, emotional turmoil, psychological scars, loss of self-esteem, and negatively affected relationships with family and friends. Misconduct often hurts an athlete's competitive performance and may cause him or her to drop out of sport entirely.



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There is now a national SafeSport Helpline that you can call 24 hours a day at 866-200-0796.

The ADS strongly recommends that all ADS Board Members and Licensed Officials take SafeSport Training. Board Members and Licensed Officials should email abbie@americandrivingsociety.org for a free coupon code. Send your certificate of completion to info@americandrivingsociety.org to be kept on file with ADS.

ADS Members who desire to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training can now do so directly from the link below.

INSTRUCTIONS:

You can now register for the U.S. Center for SafeSport online training. Please follow these instructions:

[Click here](#) to begin registration.

1. The link above will steer you to www.athletesafety.org to create your account. Google Chrome or Firefox are recommended for the best user experience.
2. After clicking "Save" to confirm your affiliation with **American Driving Society**, complete your account registration.
3. An email will be sent to you to confirm your account. Open the email and click "Confirm Email Address". You can then sign in.
4. Once you've signed in, click on "Training" from the homepage or from the "Menu" in the upper left corner of your screen.
5. Select "SafeSport™ Trained" from the catalog and "Add to Bag".
6. Select "Checkout".
7. Once you've successfully checked out, you will be able to complete the training from your Learning Dashboard.

If you experience any technical difficulties while taking the training, please contact the Help Desk at help.desk@safesport.org or call 720-676-6417.



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The Help Desk hours are:

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 9:00pm EST; Saturday – Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm EST.

Remember to download and save your SafeSport™ Trained certificate upon completion of the course.

The ADS and Drug Testing

As is stated in the ADS Rulebook, the ADS has adopted and will support the policy of the USEF on drug testing as follows:

At USEF licensed competitions all horses shall be subject to drug testing in accordance with USEF rules, which can be viewed through the following link:

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/drugs-medications>. The use of drugs to mask pain, impact on equine behavior or enhance results is not compatible with equine welfare or true sportsmanship.