

**New this year ~~ USA Softball is requiring All Adult Umpires to complete Mandated Reporter Training.**

Mandated Reporter training is required by law. On February 14th, 2018, the *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017* was enacted by Congress and became federal law. It is more commonly referred to as the SafeSport Act.

Since 2018, USA Softball and SRVGAL have required all coaches take the online Mandated Reporter training. This year USA Softball has added Adult Umpires in the group who are required to complete the Mandated Reporter.

There are several types of Mandated Reporter training. The only one that is accepted by USA Softball is called SafeSport. The website is [www.safesport.org](http://www.safesport.org). The training is free. The first year it takes from 1 ½ to 2 hours. You can stop and start throughout the online course. After year one there is a refresher that takes about 20 minutes.

If you have umpired for USAS before you have an ID with your number. You will need this number to access the training. If you can't find your number or you are new to USAS umpiring email Jan Tomsic at [srvgaljantomsic@gmail.com](mailto:srvgaljantomsic@gmail.com).

When you complete the online SafeSport training you will receive a certificate. A copy of this certificate must be submitted along with a completed background release form, a copy of your driver's license, a W-9, and the Umpire Consent & Release form.

Once Jan has all your required documents and you have completed the online SRVGAL registration, she will register you with USAS. Until you are registered, and your background check has cleared you will not be allowed to sign up for or work SRVGAL games.