

Referees,

A few notes to follow up Diane Hood's email regarding the SafeSport Training. This information is NEW and it is IMPORTANT, so please read each point carefully.

1 - SafeSport is REQUIRED. You MUST complete a training course (in person or online) by January 3, 2016. This coincides with the final OVR referee clinic at Cuyahoga Falls.

2 - For all clinics (**EXCEPT Ambridge), the SafeSport Course will be presented between the AM and PM sessions at each clinic site. If you are attending the AM session at any site and also need SafeSport, you must stay for an additional hour after the AM referee clinic. If you are attending the PM session at any site and need SafeSport, you must arrive an hour EARLIER than the scheduled clinic time to complete the SafeSport course prior to your referee clinic.

** Since there is only one referee clinic at Ambridge, anyone needing SafeSport must stay for an hour after the conclusion of the referee clinic.

3 - HOWEVER, we are highly encouraging everyone to COMPLETE THE SAFESPORT COURSE ONLINE. That means anyone attending the Toledo clinic must complete the online course before your arrival this Sunday.

4 - If you are NOT going to complete SafeSport online in advance, please contact Diane Hood (dmh@daggerlaw.com or hood@ovr.org) immediately to let her know. We need a headcount for each SafeSport presentation at each clinic site.

5 - If you have misplaced the instructions for accessing the FREE online SafeSport training course, please contact Diane. There is also a link to SafeSport on the OVR homepage - just follow the login instructions. Again, the course is FREE.

Thank you for taking care of this new USAV-OVR requirement promptly.

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