

Class B 14,16, 18 Athletes,

We are excited to have you join us for Class B State Tournament. As we prepare for the event, we want to make you aware of several policies and procedures in place to ensure athletes have the safest experience possible.

USA Softball has a zero – tolerance policy for any type of abuse within the sport of Softball. Our Safe Softball program provides policies and processes, screening, education and training, reporting, monitoring, and enforcement designed to help participants detect and report abuse, respond to it, and prevent future occurrences. For more information about the Safe Softball program, please visit <https://www.usasoftball.com/safe-softball/>.

All event staff members, coaches, and umpires are required to complete a background check, a SafeSport course, and read a copy of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPPs). These requirements meet the standards set forth by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the U.S. Center for SafeSport to better protect minor athletes from abuse and misconduct within sport. All event staff, coaches, and umpires are required to wear a *{{type of credential}}* for the duration of the event.

Please see the attached SafeSoftball Handbook that outlines athlete safety requirements and how to report abuse. The 2025 MAAPPs At – A – Glance document has been attached for your reference.

Additionally, both Parent and Minor Athlete abuse awareness training (and other training) are available through the U.S. Center for SafeSport and can be found at [SafeSportTrained.org](https://www.safesporttrained.org)

We are looking forward to a great, and safe, event!

Thank you,