



USATT REGIONAL TOURNAMENT COACHING POLICY

APPROPRIATE COACHING CREDENTIAL REQUIRED

All persons serving as an in-tournament match coach at the Regional Championships must wear an appropriate Coaching Credential at all times when seated in the Coach's Corner for their respective Participating Athlete's matches.

Persons not wearing an appropriate Coaching Credential **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to sit in the Coach's Corner or serve as an in-tournament match coach for any Participant Athlete at the Regional Championships.

Coaching Credentials will be distributed to qualified candidates at the tournament Registration Desk when the coaches check in for the event.

The following Coaching Credentials will be available and provided to properly qualified candidates:

1. Adult Coaching a Minor Athlete
2. Adult Coaching an Adult Athlete
3. Minor Coaching a Minor Athlete
4. Parent/Guardian Coaching His/Her Own Minor Child

A "Minor Athlete" is defined for the purpose of the USATT Regional Championships as a registered Participant Athlete who is **under the age of eighteen (18)** as of the first day of the USATT Regional Championship.

Qualified persons can obtain an appropriate in-tournament match Coaching Credential as follows:

1. Adult Coaching a Minor Athlete
 - a. All Adults seeking to serve serving as an in-tournament match coach for a Minor Athlete (who is not their own child) must be **fully SafeSport Compliant** as of the first day of the USATT Regional Championship.
 - i. Full SafeSport Compliance means:
 1. A Valid Criminal Background Check within the previous twenty-four months of the first day of the Regional Championship; AND
 2. Completed SafeSport Training Provided by the US Center for SafeSport within the previous twelve months of the first day of the Regional Championship.
 - b. All Adults serving as an in-tournament match coach for a Minor Athlete must wear the **"Adult Coaching a Minor Athlete"** Coaching Credential at all times while seated at the appropriate Coach's Corner for the respective Minor Athlete.

NO ADULT WHO IS NOT FULLY SAFESPORT COMPLIANT AS OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE USATT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP will be permitted to serve as in-tournament match coach for a Minor Athlete who is not their own child. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you have any questions as to whether you are currently SafeSport Compliant, please contact Tina Ren (Tina.Ren@usatt.org) to determine your SafeSport status. USATT is glad to help any person who is not

currently SafeSport Compliant become SafeSport Compliant. However, such persons should immediately contact Tina Ren for assistance in this process. Please note that it can take up to **FOUR DAYS** to clear a criminal background check.

2. Adult Coaching an Adult Athlete

- a. Adults are permitted to serve as an in-tournament match coach for another Adult Participant at a USATT Regional Championship without being SafeSport Trained or SafeSport Compliant.
- b. However, such an adult must be wearing an **“Adult Coaching an Adult Athlete”** Coaching Credential at all times while seated in the appropriate Coach’s Corner chair for the respective Adult Athlete.

3. Minor Coaching a Minor Athlete

- a. Minors are permitted to serve as an in-tournament match coach for another Minor Athlete Participant at a USATT Regional Championship without being SafeSport Trained or SafeSport Compliant.
- b. However, such minor-aged persons must wear the **“Minor Coaching a Minor Athlete”** Coaching Credential at all times while seated in the Coach’s Corner for the respective Minor Athlete Participant.

4. Parent/Guardian Coaching His/Her Own Child

- a. A Parent/Guardian is permitted to serve as an in-tournament match coach for his/her own minor-aged child at a USATT Regional Championship without being SafeSport Trained or SafeSport Compliant.
- b. However, such Parent/Guardian must wear the **“Parent/Guardian Coaching His/Her Own Child”** Coaching Credential at all times while seated in the Coach’s Corner for the respective Minor Athlete Participant.
- c. Only one Parent/Guardian at a time is permitted to serve as the in-tournament match coach for his/her own child.