

Chaperoning Minors at USA Ultimate Events

When is a chaperone required?

Any team with a player under the age of 18 participating in USA Ultimate sanctioned and championship events requires a minimum of one chaperone per team.

* Note: Teams at the Youth Club Championships must have at least two chaperones who are 25+ years of age.

Chaperone Requirements

- Current USA Ultimate membership.
- Signed liability and infectious diseases waivers in their member account.
- At least 21 years of age.
- Current SafeSport training.
 - You can complete SafeSport training through your member account. On your account homepage, assuming you have a current membership, check your SafeSport status on the top right side of the page. The cost of SafeSport training is now included as a member benefit.
- Current green-light background check from the National Center for Safety Initiatives.
 - Background checks are good for two years; most domestic background checks cost \$30.
 - o Background checks take an average of 10 days, so plan accordingly.
 - You can complete a background check or see the expiration date of your current check in your member account.

Chaperone Responsibilities

- Have access to <u>medical authorization forms</u> for all minors (or a similar school or organization form approved by USA Ultimate).
- Be present at the event with the team, throughout periods of competition.
- Be registered as a chaperone on the team's USA Ultimate roster at least two weeks ahead of the event. Players under 18 cannot be added to the roster before a chaperone is added.

FAQs

1. Can I be a chaperone for more than one team?

No. Chaperones can only chaperone for one team at an event.



2. Can a teammate or coach also be a chaperone?

Yes. For adult or college teams with minor players, the chaperone can be a teammate. A registered coach of a youth team will have already fulfilled the requirements to be a chaperone, so if they also meet the age requirement, they can be listed on the roster as a chaperone as well.

3. Are requirements different for the Youth Club Championships?

Yes. The Youth Club Championships, as well as other USA Ultimate championship-level events may require two chaperones who must be at least 25 years of age.