

**United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee  
Certification Review Group**



**US SPEEDSKATING**

**Certification Renewal Follow-Up Report for US Speedskating  
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## **US Speedskating Certification Renewal Follow-Up Report Executive Summary**

In November 2024, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Board of Directors renewed the certification of US Speedskating (USS) as a National Governing Body (NGB) with a status of Renewal with Conditions. In accordance with the USOPC's NGB Certification Policy, and ratified by the USOPC Board of Directors, USS had until December 31, 2025, to resolve the remaining deficiencies and fulfill the conditions outlined in the report issued November 2024. Upon the deadline, the Certification Review Group would then evaluate the NGB's progress and deliver an updated recommendation to the USOPC Board of Directors.

The CRG's initial certification review of USS found that the organization was meeting most of the USOPC's NGB Compliance Standards in the five core areas of evaluation for certification: Governance and Compliance, Financial Standards and Reporting Practices, Athlete Protections and Rights, Sport Performance, and Operational Performance. However, at the close of the initial certification review period, USS still had not met several NGB Compliance Standards including needing updates to the conflict of interest disclosure and review process, execution on its background check policy, and required inclusion of anti-doping language in specific policies. Based on these deficiencies, the CRG required USS to sufficiently demonstrate execution on these process updates as conditions of certification.

During the remediation period, USS ensured that conflict disclosure forms were completed and properly reviewed, demonstrated that the background check policy was being executed effectively, and included the required anti-doping language in the bylaws and relevant policies. Additionally, USS resolved other marginal issues, which did not affect its certification status.

As a result of USS' action to meet the conditions of its initial Renewal with Conditions certification, the CRG recommends that USS' certification status be upgraded to Renewal in Good Standing for its certification term ending in 2028.

## **Certification History**

The CRG completed a certification renewal review of USS in 2024 based on the USOPC's quadrennial certification renewal schedule. As a result of this review, the CRG recommended that USS be certified with a status of Renewal with Conditions. The USOPC Board of Directors accepted this recommendation on November 13, 2024.

The ratification of the Renewal with Conditions status began a 48-day remediation period for USS to resolve the conditions the CRG put in place for the certification. USS' remediation period ran through December 31, 2024.

## **Certification Conditions**

USS' Renewal with Conditions certification status was contingent on the completion of the following conditions:

- In accordance with Standard A.6 b, USS must successfully demonstrate that it is executing its conflict of interest disclosure and review process that aligns with its updated and compliant conflict of interest policy.
- USS must successfully demonstrate that it is executing its background check policy in accordance with Standard C.3 a.
- USS must include required anti-doping language in its bylaws in accordance with Standard C.4 b.

## **Remediation Actions**

In accordance with its audit management action plan, USS updated its conflicts of interest policy and provided sufficient evidence that conflict disclosure forms are completed for all required individuals and properly reviewed. Additionally, USS updated its background check policy and demonstrated accurate execution of the updates. USS also updated the bylaws to include required anti-doping language.

## **Conclusion**

USS provided the USOPC Audit department with sufficient evidence to meet the conditions outlined in the initial Certification Report<sup>1</sup> issued in November 2024.

Thus, the CRG concludes that USS is performing satisfactorily based on input from CRG members and its completion of the conditions required as part of its November 2024 Renewal with Conditions certification and there are no outstanding areas of concern affecting its certification status at this time. Accordingly, the CRG recommends that USS' certification status be upgraded from Renewal with Conditions to Renewal in Good Standing for its current certification term ending in 2028.

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<sup>1</sup> [US Speedskating, Renewal with Conditions](#) – November 2024.