USATKD SafeSport Quality Control System

This policy applies to ALL individuals covered by the USATKD SafeSport and MAAPP policies, including but not limited to: Members, Staff, Board Members, State Association President and board members, sanctioned event organizers and staff, and staff volunteers. National Office Staff are responsible for implementing and communicating the Quality Control System. The QCS will be sent to tournament organizers once they are approved to host a sanctioned competition by USA Taekwondo.

USATKD manages compliance with SafeSport requirements via the Sport:80 web platform, except in the case of non-member independent contractors (see below).

- Sport:80 blocks an individual from becoming a member at any time if they are marked as suspended within their profile.
- Sport:80 does not allow any member profile to register to participate in any USATKD Sanctioned event if they have not completed requirements specific to their class of membership – this includes both background check and required SafeSport training
- Sport:80 has dependencies that will be fixed for those required to have both background check and required Safe Sport training through the end of the event. For mixed age groups that are under and over 18 years of age, a report will be generated weekly to determine those that have expired background checks or SafeSport training and they will be contacted to complete the compliance requirement. Their virtual or physical credential, required for checking in at the event, will not be generated until they have met these compliance requirements.
- All USATKD Board Members, event staff (including Local Affiliated Organization staff and USATKD staff), and day-of/last-minute participants must have been registered through Sport:80 to ensure compliance with the required SafeSport Training and Background Check required as determined by the USATKD SafeSport and MAAPP Policies, before being giving access to any restricted areas in any sanctioned event (competition floor, warm up areas, weigh in rooms or registration staff area).
- Event volunteers, 18 years of age and older, are required to complete the SafeSport training prior to being given access to any restricted areas in any sanctioned event.
- All referees and officials must be current members in good standing to be granted access to restricted areas (competition floor, warm up areas, weigh in rooms or registration staff area).
- In the case of non-member Independent Contractors who will have regular contact with athletes during an activity, USATKD staff ensures that they complete a background check and SafeSport training before being allowed into any restricted areas (competition floor, warm up areas, weigh in rooms or registration staff area). This is done by making them members prior to the event's start date and following Sport:80 protocols.

Ensuring that all individuals who will have access to restricted areas within any event have been registered and checked through the Sport:80 platform is to ensure that no one is given access who is suspended by either the U.S. Center for SafeSport, USATKD or World Taekwondo. Additionally, it ensures that every individual required to complete SafeSport Training and a Background Check under the SafeSport Policies has done so.

On-site registration

USATKD does not allow for on-site registration for coaches. Coaches must pre-register for the event.
Athletes, with existing incomplete registration, can complete their pre-registration on site. Athletes that have not started a registration in the tournament database system will not be allowed to enter the competition on-site. Independent contractors must be registered in advance. If the member attempting to register on-site does not meet the criteria above, they will be refused the ability to participate.

Event Directors must ensure any 'day of event' volunteers or staff have been screened through Sport:80 BEFORE being given access to restricted areas, to preclude anyone from participating in the event/competition who are not able to participate under the policies. Event Directors must check the Suspended and Banned list on the USA Taekwondo website. Each on site registrant will receive an email or flier that outlines the MAAPP policy as well as reporting protocol.

USATKD will maintain a spreadsheet with all persons who have an administrative hold from the Center of SafeSport. Event Directors will also check this list, along with the Suspended and Banned list before allowing people to register and/or participate.

All USA Taekwondo sanctioned events, and their organizers, must ensure that last-minute substitutions of referees at all sanctioned events a) are checked for current SafeSport training and if not current are prevented from participating b) are checked against the Organizational Exclusion List and if found on the list are prevented from participation and c) are provided the MAAPP and reporting policy.

Communication of the SafeSport Policy

- Pre-registered participants attending USA Taekwondo sanctioned tournaments will receive an e-blast, sent by the National Office or a designated Tournament Organizer, prior to the competition which includes the MAAPP policy, reporting protocol as well as other information, resources, and educational links regarding SafeSport.

  - All registered athletes
  - All registered coaches
  - All referees

- o   All other tournament officials including National Office Staff, competition floor staff, Sports Med, USAT Media & Volunteers

- Yearly membership wide communication about MAAPP and reporting SafeSport incidents sent in January by National Office Staff with any updates sent throughout the year
- Quarterly Newsletter will include information on the MAAPP Policy and how to report a SafeSport incident which is sent by National Office Staff.

Sanctioned Events

Events sanctioned that are not operated by USATKD must meet the same SafeSport standards, as such, USATKD will not sanction any event that does not operate registration through the Sport:80 platform, to ensure that disciplinary, training and background check standards and requirements are maintained.

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