

US Speedskating Safe Sport Quality Control

US Speedskating Overview:

All USS members maintain a profile in the US Speedskating membership database through Sport:80. The system is configured to automatically require completion of SafeSport Training for individuals who meet the Education and Training criteria set forth in the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), the USS SafeSport and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, and the requirements of the U.S. Center for SafeSport as a condition of holding a current membership.

Individuals who are prohibited from participation by USS or the U.S. Center for SafeSport may not participate in USS-sanctioned events or activities in any capacity. Individuals who are subject to restrictions imposed by USS or the U.S. Center for SafeSport may participate only in full compliance with the terms of those restrictions.

How to check the following groups for SafeSport training certifications:

Athletes – are automatically checked by the Sport:80 membership database and unable to register for competitions if they do not meet the SafeSport Training requirements AND your race registration is conducted via Sport80. Once registration is closed, the Event Director should cross-check the athletes with the USS Banned/Suspended List. Same day registration is not allowed. Any athlete required to take the SafeSport Training who fails to do so will be prevented from participating in the competition.

Coaches – Coaches listed by athletes on their registration will be checked via the Coaches Directory at <https://usspeedskating.sport80.com/public/widget/2> to verify current certification status. If listed in the directory they have a current SafeSport Training certification. Any coach not listed on the USS Certified Coaches Directory will be prevented from participating in the competition. Coaches should also be cross-checked with the USS Banned/Suspended List. Same day registration is not allowed.

Officials – Are selected beforehand and will be checked via the Officials Directory at <https://usspeedskating.sport80.com/public/widget/1> to verify current certification status. If listed in the directory they have a current SafeSport Training certification. Any official not listed on the USS Certified Officials Directory will be prevented from participating in the competition. Officials should also be cross-checked with the USS Banned/Suspended List. Same day registration is not allowed.

USS Staff/Contractors – Are required to maintain a current SafeSport training certification at all times and will be prevented from participation in events if they fail to comply.

Event Staff/Volunteers – Are required to have a current SafeSport training certification if 1) they meet the criteria set forth under the Education and Training Requirements in the MAAPP and the USS Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies; 2) they have regular contact with minor athletes or; 3) they are in a position of authority over minor athletes. Not all volunteer positions require individuals to be SafeSport Trained. If there are questions regarding this please reach out to USS Membership and Safe Sport Manager, Sara Bowles (sbowles@usspeedskating.org). All event staff and volunteers should be cross-checked with the USS Banned/Suspended List. Same day registration for volunteers is allowed and they will need to scan the QR code from the Event Info Packet for the MAAPP communication and Reporting Protocols.

Communication to All Participants:

The LOC Complete Info communication is to be sent out to all participants over the age of 18 before start of event. Communication needs to include officials, coaches, athletes and event staff.

Locker Rooms:

If/when locker rooms are used the door is to be left open and a monitor (male and female) should be arranged to randomly check the rooms/changing areas and bathrooms. When possible locker rooms should be divided into minor female athletes, adult female athletes, minor male athletes, adult male athletes. Bathrooms or private changing areas should also be available for those who may be uncomfortable using a locker room as divided.

Prevention of Participation:

US Speedskating and/or the LOC will prevent participation in a USS Sanctioned event to any individual required to have a current SafeSport Training certification who fails to comply; and/or any individual listed on the USS Banned/Suspended List.

Local Organizing Committees (LOC):

After receiving Sanctioning Approval, LOC's are to follow the steps provided in the Instructions Document for LOC_v.2 to ensure quality control standards are followed.

Protocol for Events not using the USS Event Registration

Applicability: This protocol applies to all Local Organizing Committees (LOCs) or event organizers who elect to utilize a registration platform other than Sport:80 for participant registration in a USS-sanctioned event.

SafeSport Compliance Verification:

For any event not using Sport:80 for registration, the LOC must implement the following procedures to ensure SafeSport compliance for all applicable participants:

1. Participant Roster Submission:

The full list of registered participants—including athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, and volunteers—must be submitted to membership@usspeedskating.org at least **7 days prior to the event**.

2. SafeSport Certification Checks:

- **Athletes:** Must be cross verified for current SafeSport training status through the USS membership database. Athletes not meeting SafeSport training requirements will not be allowed to participate.
- **Coaches:** Must be verified through the USS Certified Coaches Directory. Coaches not listed as certified will be disqualified from coaching at the event.
- **Officials:** Must be verified through the USS Certified Officials Directory. Any official not listed is prohibited from officiating.
- **Event Staff/Volunteers:** Must meet SafeSport training requirements if they (1) have regular contact with minor athletes, (2) are in a position of authority over minors, or (3) fall under Education and Training requirements per MAAPP and USS policy. Verification must be confirmed through the USS database.

3. Banned/Suspended List Cross-Check:

All participants (including athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must be checked against the USS Banned/Suspended List in accordance with the procedures set forth in the **Standard 3.3 Addendum – Quality Control System (Eligibility, Training, and Banned List Cross-Checks)**. **Any individual who is prohibited from participation by USS may not participate in any capacity in USS-sanctioned events or activities. Individuals who are subject to restrictions imposed by USS may participate only in full compliance with the terms of those restrictions.**

4. Certification Deadline:

All SafeSport and eligibility verifications must be completed **no later than 72 hours before the event**. Any individual found non-compliant after this deadline shall be reminded that they must complete the required training before the start of the event or be removed from the event and unable to participate.

5. Day-of-Event Controls:

No same-day registration is permitted for athletes, coaches, or officials.

Volunteers may register same day **only if**:

- They are not in a role requiring SafeSport training, or
 - They can provide verification of current SafeSport certification.
- Volunteers must still scan the event QR code for MAAPP and reporting protocol acknowledgment.

6. Record Retention and Reporting:

LOCs using an external registration system are required to retain all SafeSport compliance records for the event and must submit a post-event compliance report to USS within **5 business days**.

7. Compliance and Enforcement:

The requirements set forth in the Standard 3.3 Addendum are incorporated into this Policy and are mandatory for USS and for all Local Organizing Committees (LOCs), member organizations, and other Covered Entities. USS retains authority to require corrective actions, impose conditions of participation, or take other remedial measures as set forth in the Standard 3.4 Addendum for failure to comply with these requirements.