

US Speedskating Safe Sport Quality Control

US Speedskating Overview:

All USS members have a profile in the US Speedskating membership database through Sport:80. The system automatically requires participants to take the SafeSport Training in order to have a current membership if they meet the specific criteria that is based off the Education and Training policy in the MAAPP and the USS Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies.

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. 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://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Members-and-Clubs/Coaches/Coach-Directory> 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://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Members-and-Clubs/Officials/Officials-Directory> 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. Reminder: At a minimum, there must be at least one SafeSport trained official to hold an event.

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 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 to ensure quality control standards are followed. All necessary instructions and documents will be sent to the LOC upon sanctioning approval.