

# 2026 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup

## USA Karate Coaches Credential – Domestic Coaches

The Coaching Credential serves as your official access pass for all event areas. Each coach must hold a valid credential to access the competition floor.

To obtain a credential, all coaches must:

- Be current members of USA Karate
- Have completed SafeSport Training and an NCSI Background Check prior to registration
- Submit payment for the Coaching Credential before the event

International coaches who are coaching a domestic minor athlete are required to meet the same standards as USA Coaches, including completion of SafeSport training and a background screen.

## Commitment to Athlete Safety

USA Karate is fully committed to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Program. These requirements exist to ensure the safety and protection of all athletes, coaches, and officials participating in our events. There will be zero tolerance for individuals who fail to meet SafeSport conditions of membership. Credentials will not be issued to anyone listed on the USA Karate Banned Member List or the U.S. Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database.

## Background Screening

Background screening must be completed every two (2) years. USA Karate's background check vendor is the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI), which conducts annual rechecks.

Cost: Approximately \$30 (varies by state)

To complete or renew your background screening:

- Log in to your USA Karate membership account at <https://usankf.sport80.com>
- Select "Background Screening"
- Follow the prompts to complete or renew your screening

Processing Time: Please allow 3–10 business days for completion. If your screening has expired, the system will prompt you to renew. For first-time applicants, click "+ Add Background Screening."

## Online SafeSport Training

SafeSport Training must be completed annually for all participants 18 years and older.

To complete your SafeSport Training:

- Log in to your USA Karate membership account at <https://usankf.sport80.com>
- Select “U.S. Center for SafeSport Training”
- Follow the prompts to complete or renew your course

The system will display your current status. If training has expired, you will be able to access the Core Training module.

### **Coaching Credential Registration**

Registration Fee: \$175

Late Registration: Begins March 17, 2026, at 3:00 a.m. EST (+\$50 late fee)

Online Registration Closes: March 30, 2026

Onsite Registration: Available with an additional \$100 onsite fee

### **Final Notes**

Compliance with all SafeSport and background screening requirements is mandatory. Coaches who fail to meet these standards will not be granted floor access or credentials.

Thank you for upholding the highest standards of safety, professionalism, and integrity as we continue to build a culture of excellence within USA Karate.