



SafeSport Quality Control Procedures for USA Weightlifting Local Competition Events

It is the policy of USA Weightlifting (USAW) to ensure adult athletes who opted in as an “Adult Participant” and all Adult Participants in positions of Regular Contact or Authority (Coaches, Technical Officials, Event Staff, and parents of youth athletes who wish to enter the warm-up room with their child) complete the mandatory SafeSport training per the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s (the Center) education and training requirements. Those who do not complete the mandatory training will not be allowed to participate in the event.

There are also event participants who either from the list above, did not correctly register, or are day-of event participants (Coaches who did not register through BARS, parents who would like access to the warm-up room with their child, competition bar loaders). Events must be sanctioned through BARS, but meet directors can utilize external registration systems to receive payment, such as Eventbrite, EventZilla, etc. At the conclusion of the event, all results must be submitted to BARS to ensure accurate data. Depending on the credential to be issued, day-of participants are not assigned to a role in which they have Regular Contact with or Authority over amateur athletes who are minors, and do not need training to help load the barbells during the event, however, will be verified against the Organization Exclusion list and verified for completed SafeSport training prior to being given a credential and access to the warm-up room and competition floor. Credentials must designate different levels of access at the competition. These individuals will also be given a copy of the MAAPP At-A-Glance and How to Report resources along with their credential.

Event participants that register same day, who are in a role of regular contact with or Authority over amateur athletes who are minors, will have their SafeSport training verified prior to being given a credential and access. These individuals will also be given a copy of the MAAPP At-A-Glance and How to Report resources along with their credential. All pre-registered participants will receive the MAAPP and Reporting information via email within 30 days of the beginning of the event. This email will include the following:

Sample E-mail:

Dear athletes, coaches, and referees,

We are soon approaching the Local Weightlifting Event Name. This email is a formal reminder that all registered competitors and event personnel at a USA Weightlifting sanctioned event are required to adhere to the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies for the duration of the event.

SafeSport Reporting: Reporting misconduct is vital to protecting athletes and preventing further incidents. Reporting includes alleged sexual misconduct, physical misconduct, emotional misconduct, and violations of the MAAPP.

- Sexual Misconduct: If you have a reasonable suspicion that child sexual abuse or neglect has occurred, the first step should be to make a report to law enforcement. Please also report sexual misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport here: <https://www.safesport.org/report-a-concern>
- All Other Forms of Misconduct Including Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies: Reporting instructions and more information can be found [here](#)

Please contact USA Weightlifting at usaw@usaweightlifting.org for more information. If you registered on behalf of your family or team member, please forward this message to them to review.

It is further the policy of USAW to ensure that anyone on the USAW Sanctioned Member's list cannot participate in an event in any capacity. The USAW Sanctioned Member's list is housed on the USAW website at this location <https://www.usaweightinglifting.org/sanctioned-members> and is updated as needed. Sanctioned members are flagged in the membership database and listed on the website as soon as USAW is notified of imposed sanctions and jurisdictional holds by the following bodies: USAW, USAW independent Ethics Committee, USAW Independent Judicial Committee, U.S Center for SafeSport, doping violations including USADA, IWF Masters, the International Testing Agency (ITA), and other applicable sanctioning bodies. A jurisdictional hold is a type of case resolution and closure used by the U.S. Center for SafeSport when a Respondent is not currently a Participant but was considered a Participant at some point previously. A jurisdictional hold prevents the Respondent from participating in the Olympic and Paralympic movement until allegations are resolved. If an individual with a jurisdictional hold attempts to participate in a local meet, the Meet Director should immediately notify the U.S Center for SafeSport by calling or reporting online at <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>.

The SafeSport Quality Control procedures will be sent out annually to valid club directors.

Quality Control Procedures

- 1) Selected membership groups as noted above, are required to complete SafeSport training prior to registering for an event. SafeSport Training is managed within our membership system BARS. The Meet Director is responsible for ensuring the individual has a current SafeSport certificate.
- 2) Technical Officials must have an active membership and be SafeSport compliant prior to refereeing sessions. This is verified by the Meet Director. TOs can show their SafeSport and current Referee certificate through their BARS profile. These individuals will also be given a copy of the MAAPP At-A-Glance and How to Report resources along with their credentials.
- 3) The Organization Exclusion list is updated as USAW is made aware of bans or suspensions and those members are unable to register for events or be an event participant. Copies of the Organization Exclusion list will be at the Registration desk for staff members to reference when checking in participants who did not pre-register. The Organization Exclusion list is found at <https://www.usaweightinglifting.org/sanctioned-members>.
- 4) For same-day event participants that also are considered Adult Participants required to be trained, (i.e., coaches or technical officials) who did not register through the proper channels and are not on the Organization Exclusion list, training must be completed prior to receipt of a credential to enter the competition area.
- 5) For the bar loaders that do not participate in a role of Regular Contact or Authority, however are considered event participants, prior to being given a Volunteer credential, they will be verified against the Organization Exclusion list at Registration and given a copy of MAAPP at a Glance and How to Report a Concern documents.
- 6) All members have access to their BARS account via printable form, mobile phone, or desktop computer. The status of any participant may be verified by the meet director if there is a question about status upon check-in.