

Q Who is required to complete a background check and who pays for it?

A The individuals listed in the Compliance Matrix found in U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Handbook are required to complete a background check via U.S. Figure Skating's partnership with NCSI. U.S. Figure Skating will also accept background checks completed through another National Governing Body within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement only if that organization meets the screening standards as outlined by the USOPC.

Q How much does a U.S. Figure Skating background check cost?

A U.S. Figure Skating background checks cost \$30 and are valid for two membership seasons (the season in which a determination is issued and the following season). Canadian background checks cost \$75 and all other international screens cost \$175.

Q After I complete SafeSport™ Training and U.S. Figure Skating's background check, how long will it take to show that I'm compliant?

A It takes 7-10 business days for NCSI to issue a finding for domestic background checks. International screens may take up to 14 days for a determination may be issued. It typically takes less than one business day for completion of SafeSport™ Training to be reflected in a person's Members Only profile.

Q My employer requires a background check and I also have one as a baseball coach. Can I submit one of those?

A You may not submit a background check from an employer (unless you are employed by a National Governing Body, such as USA Baseball). If you are a coach of another National Governing Body who meets the minimum screening requirements of the USOPC, U.S. Figure Skating may accept this background check. Please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org to see if your screen may be accepted.

Q What does a U.S. Figure Skating background check search for?

A Local level searches are conducted which includes a County Criminal Records search for the name used and the county where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past 7 years (up to 3 counties included). Federal District Court searches are conducted for the name used and the district where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past 7 years (up to 3 included). A search of the national Sex Offender Registry (SOR) is conducted and multiple National Watch Lists are searched. An automatic re-check is conducted at the 12 month mark of multi-jurisdictional national databases and the national Sex Offender Registry.

Q What if I choose not to complete SafeSport™ Training and U.S. Figure Skating's background check?

A Failure or refusal to complete a required background check will result in a person being prohibited from participating in a role that requires it. Exemptions from SafeSport™ Training may be made on a case-by-case basis for victims/survivors. Requests may be made directly to the U.S. Center for SafeSport at exemptions@safesport.org.

Q Can I submit my background check and do SafeSport™ Training on paper?

A No. Both rely on very large databases to verify information and share your compliance information. Please ask a family member, friend, or fellow club member to assist you/to use their computer or you may also access both at a public library. You can also contact your club's SkateSafe® Compliance Chair to find a volunteer who may be willing to assist.

Q What about foreign coaches or foreign officials at non-qualifying events who are not U.S. Figure Skating members?

A They will be required to present the LOC with a letter from their Federation verifying that they are a member in good standing with their Federation.

Q What about an announcer/person who facilitates the music at their club's non-qualifying competition(s)? **A** These individuals do not need compliance for these roles unless they are having Regular Contact with Minor Athlete(s), however, announcers/music positions at the U.S. Championships and ISU events hosted by U.S. Figure Skating are considered "officials" and therefore must be compliant.

Q Who is responsible for making sure individuals at events are compliant?

A It is the responsibility of both the individual who is required to be compliant and the Local Organizing Committee who is running the event.