

GENERAL SAFESPORT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

U.S. Figure Skating requires individuals it, or its member clubs, formally authorizes, approves or appoints (1) to a position of authority over, or (2) to have regular contact with athletes to have successfully completed the online SafeSport Training and a background check with a green light finding prior to participating in and/or preparing for U.S. Figure Skating-related activities.

☐ **SAFESPORT ONLINE TRAINING:** Required Adults 18 years and older must successfully complete the core “SafeSport Trained” online training created and offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport consisting of three modules: (1) Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, (2) Mandatory Reporting, and (3) Emotional & Physical Misconduct. “Refresher” courses are then offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport on an annual basis to Participants who successfully completed the “SafeSport Trained” course.

- Renewal: Annual. Training is valid for 365 days from date of completion.
- Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
- Training Cycle: Yr. 1: SafeSport Trained, Yr. 2: Refresher 1, Yr. 3: Refresher 2, Yr. 4: Refresher 3; etc.
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected in member profile within 48 hours of successful completion.
- Cost: Free for U.S. Figure Skating members and nonmember volunteers when completed through U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
- Individuals turning 18 mid-season who require General SafeSport Compliance must complete the training on or before their 18th birthday. Parental consent is required for 17-year-olds who wish to complete the SafeSport Training ahead of their 18th birthday.
- Time: The core training consists of three, 30-minute courses that include pre- and post-quizzes. Upon completion, you’ll received a SafeSport Trained certificate. Refresher courses are approximately 30 minutes long. You will not have the option to complete a Refresher course until you complete the SafeSport Trained course.

☐ **BACKGROUND CHECK:** Required Adults 18 years and older must successfully complete a Background Check through U.S. Figure Skating’s background check provider, National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI). Effective January 1, 2020, U.S. Figure Skating’s background check criteria was updated per the requirements of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Due to the new search requirements, background screens from other agencies will not be accepted. Individuals turning 18 mid-season who require General SafeSport Compliance are required to successfully complete a background check within 45 days of turning 18. Background checks completed for other organizations will not be accepted.

- Renewal: Every other season
- Location: [U.S. Figure Skating Members Only](#)
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected on a member profile upon finding by NCSI.
- Cost: \$30, to be paid every other season. Additionally, due to the more rigorous search requirements mandated by the USOPC’s new background policy, anyone who has lived in another country for six months or more in the past seven years will require an international screen for every country of residence in that time period. International background screening costs are \$75 for a Canadian screening and \$150 for other countries.
- Materials Needed:
 - A digital copy of your valid driver’s license, state ID or current passport ready to upload.
 - A list of your physical residences for the previous 7 years
 - A credit card to submit payment for the background check
- Time: Allow approximately 10 minutes to complete a domestic background screen. NCSI Processing time is 3-10 business days for domestic processing. If you are in a situation where an international screen is needed, please expect additional paperwork to be required and allow 2-4 weeks for screening to be completed. NCSI will contact you directly with instructions on this process should an international search be required.

NONMEMBERS MUST REGISTER WITH U.S. FIGURE SKATING PRIOR TO COMPLETING SAFESPORT TRAINING OR A BACKGROUND SCREENING.

Please visit our [Compliance Toolkit](#) for instructions on how to complete any of these requirements. For questions regarding membership, please contact memberservices@usfigureskating.org. For questions regarding SafeSport compliance, please contact safesport@usfigureskating.org. For assistance with technical issues, please contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.