

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION POOL (ISP)

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Adult ISP Athletes and Team Personnel considered by U.S. Figure Skating to be eligible for assignment to international competitions are required to complete the online SafeSport training and a U.S. Figure Skating background check. Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. A U.S. Figure Skating background check is required within 45 days of an ISP athlete turning 18. The below requirements must be completed by all adults participating as ISP Athletes, Team Personnel and accompanying delegation prior to traveling internationally on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating, including those who turn 18 mid-season.

- ☐ SAFESPORT ONLINE TRAINING:** Participants 18 years and older must successfully complete the core “SafeSport Trained” online training 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 have successfully completed the “SafeSport Trained” course.

 - Renewal: Annual. Training is valid for 365 days from completion date.
 - Training Cycle: Yr. 1: SafeSport Trained, Yr. 2: Refresher 1, Yr. 3: Refresher 2, Yr. 4: Refresher 3; etc.
 - Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
 - 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 are in this category must complete the training on or before their 18th birthday. Parental consent is required for anyone under 18 taking SafeSport Training.
 - 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 of completion. Subsequent “Refresher” trainings are approximately 30 minutes long. Anyone who has NOT completed the core SafeSport Training requirement must complete those courses before they can complete the Refresher training.

- ☐ BACKGROUND CHECK:** Participants 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. Individuals in this category turning 18 mid-season are required to successfully complete a background check with 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: U.S. Figure Skating covers the cost of the background check for Adult Participants and Adult Athletes appointed to travel with Team USA and/or the International Selection Pool (ISP), including faculty, staff, chaperones, lead volunteers for U.S. Figure Skating training camps, and volunteer medical staff supporting U.S. Figure Skating at national or international events. 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.
 - 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.

NOTE: The ISP also has representation from coaches, judges, team leaders and medical personnel. The above SafeSport compliance requirements are in addition to specific compliance requirements mandatory to performing those roles at any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event or activity.

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