

EVENT COVERAGE & REQUIREMENTS

This document is intended to provide clarification on SkateSafe® Compliance requirements for Medical Evaluations and Treatments.

LOCs are *required* to provide emergency medical providers at the following events:

- National Qualifying Series (NQS)
- National Synchronized Skating Series
- National Excel Series
- Solo Dance Series
- Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships
- Adult Sectional Championships
- Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs & U.S. Ice Dance Finals
- The collective U.S. Championship events (Figure Skating, Synchronized, Adult & Collegiate)

**All other events are encouraged to provide emergency medical providers as a best practice.*

Per the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#), Section II (Athlete Protection Policies), Part 6 (Medical Evaluations and Treatments):

“Emergency Medical Staff, such as EMTs or other professionals contracted by the host club, may be rink-side during the event in case of an immediate medical emergency. These individuals will be stationed in a public area that is observable where any activity between the EMT and the Athletes may be interrupted by another Adult in a timely manner, and will only provide emergency medical care. As such, these individuals do not have regular or repeated access to Athletes and *are not required to complete any compliance requirements.*”

While EMTs are listed in the handbook, they are not the exclusive medical group permitted to offer emergency medical services at an event. Per the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, other Licensed Medical Professionals are permitted to provide emergency medical services at events within their professional scope of practice. In this capacity, those medical professionals *are not required* to be SkateSafe® compliant (SafeSport™ Training and a U.S. Figure Skating approved background check).

Any evaluation and/or treatment provided by medical professionals at an event involving preventative services (e.g., taping an ankle), non-emergency treatment (e.g., icing an injury), massage or other manual therapy or any treatment offered in a medical room would not meet the criteria of emergency medical services and would require SkateSafe® Compliance.

While the professional title of the person administering medical services does not preclude them from participating, all medical providers (whether serving in an emergency or non-emergency capacity) shall provide care according to their professional scope of practice. As such, they must provide proof of medical licensure in the state of the competition and professional liability insurance for care rendered during duty. For full details about medical provider requirements, please review [U.S. Figure Skating’s Medical Standard of Care Guidelines](#).

This document should be shared in advance with all event medical providers and displayed rink-side (and in the medical room, if applicable). Any violation of the listed requirements in this document or SkateSafe® policies should be [reported to U.S. Figure Skating’s SkateSafe® team](#).

Any questions regarding this clarification or SkateSafe® policies can be directed to U.S. Figure Skating’s SkateSafe® team at skatesafe@usfigureskating.org.