

OFFICIALS

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

U.S. Figure Skating Rule DOR 1.00 defines officials as judges, referees, accountants, technical controllers, technical specialists, data operators, video replay operators, music coordinators, announcers and ice technicians. Successful completion of the below requirements authorizes one to serve as an official at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events or activities.

- ❑ **MEMBERSHIP:** All Officials must be a full member of U.S. Figure Skating.
 - Renewal: Every season
 - Location:
 - Club membership: Please renew with your club and they will update your information in Members Only.
 - Individual (No Club Affiliation) Memberships: [Individual/Family/Collegiate Membership Registration](#)
 - Results Submitted: Automatically reflected on U.S. Figure Skating member profile upon successful payment by the club. Individual memberships through U.S. Figure Skating reflect automatically in member profile.
 - Cost: Club membership pricing varies by club. Individual memberships through U.S. Figure Skating: First Family Membership (\$144), Subsequent (+ \$65 per subsequent family member*), Four-year Collegiate (\$170)
 - Time: Less than 10 minutes

*To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.

- ❑ **SAFESPORT ONLINE TRAINING:** Officials age 18 years and older must complete the “SafeSport Trained” online course offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport which consists 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 coaches who have successfully completed the “SafeSport Trained” course.
 - Renewal: Annual. Training is valid for 365 days from date of completion.
 - 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 when completed through U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
 - Officials who turn 18 mid-season are required to complete the online SafeSport training on or before their 18th birthday. Parental consent is required for 17-year-old officials who wish to complete 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 receive your SafeSport Trained certification.

- ❑ **BACKGROUND CHECK:** Officials age 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 (USOPC). All background checks completed after January 1, 2020 are valid for 2 seasons. Due to the more rigorous search requirements mandated by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee’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.
 - Renewal: Every other season
 - Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
 - Results Submitted: Automatically reflected on a member profile upon finding by NCSI.
 - Cost: \$0. U.S. Figure Skating covers the cost of the background check(s) for officials who hold at least one appointment.
 - Materials Needed:
 - A list of your physical residences for the previous seven years;
 - A credit card to submit payment for the background check;
 - A digital copy of your valid driver’s license, state ID or current passport ready to upload.
 - 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- Renewal: Every season
- Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected on member profile upon eSignature.
- Cost: \$0
- Time: Less than 10 minutes

TRAVEL POLICY

- Renewal: Every season
- Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected in member profile upon eSignature.
- Cost: \$0
- Time: Less than 10 minutes

CODE OF ETHICS

- Renewal: Every season
- Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected in member profile upon eSignature.
- Cost: \$0 Time: Less than 10 minutes

MISCELLANEOUS AGREEMENTS: Varies by type of official. The agreements may include Judges Creed, Judges Creed Ethical Code of Conduct & Conflict of Interest, and/or Technical Panel Ethical Code of Conduct & Conflict of Interest.

- Renewal: Every season
- Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#)
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected in member profile upon eSignature.
- Cost: \$0
- Time: Less than 10 minutes

WAIVERS: All officials are required to complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release 2) Medical Consent; and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement.

- Renewal: Every season
- Location: U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#).
- Results Submitted: Automatically reflected in member profile upon eSignature.
- Cost: \$0
- Time: Less than 10 minutes

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