

# ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ABUSE & HARASSMENT



Dear Members,

U.S. Figure Skating is committed to providing a safe, healthy and positive skating environment for all members and volunteers.

Earlier this year, as part of its [SafeSport Program](#), U.S. Figure Skating announced it has expanded the list of adults required to complete SafeSport training and background checks for the 2018-19 membership year. This will affect members and volunteers, over the age of 18, who are in a position of authority over an athlete or anyone who has frequent contact with athletes.

## Adults Required to Complete SafeSport Training and Background Checks

*(Must be 18 years or older as of July 1, 2018)*

Associated with activities overseen by U.S. Figure Skating	Associated with activities overseen by Member Clubs	Coaches and other individual professionals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ U.S. Figure Skating staff.</li> <li>✓ U.S. Figure Skating-hired independent contractors and/or vendors who come into frequent contact with athletes.</li> <li>✓ U.S. Figure Skating Board Members.</li> <li>✓ U.S. Figure Skating Committee Chairs.</li> <li>✓ U.S. Figure Skating Officials.</li> <li>✓ Members appointed to travel with Team USA:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Leaders</li> <li>• Team Support Staff</li> <li>• Team Physicians</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Faculty, staff, chaperones and lead volunteers for U.S. Figure Skating training camps.</li> <li>✓ Volunteer medical staff supporting U.S. Figure Skating national and international events.</li> <li>✓ S.T.A.R.S. anchors.</li> </ul> <p><i>*U.S. Figure Skating responsible for cost of background checks</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All volunteers in any sanctioned events or club activities who come in close contact with athletes.</li> <li>✓ Team Managers / Team Service personnel for synchronized skating and theatre on ice teams.</li> <li>✓ Locker room volunteers for all competitions, ice shows, club events, programs, etc.</li> <li>✓ Club SafeSport Compliance Chairs.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Club/individual responsible for cost of background checks.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All U.S. Figure Skating member coaches.</li> <li>✓ Partners assisting in pair or dance tests with minor athletes.</li> <li>✓ All registered Learn to Skate USA instructors, coaches and directors.</li> <li>✓ Any professional service provider (i.e., sport psychologist, nutritionist, choreographer, etc.,) wishing to obtain a credential for a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Coaches, individual professionals responsible for cost of background checks.</i></p>

U.S. Figure Skating's background checks are conducted by the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) via a secure website. The SafeSport Training, provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, consists of three 30-minute courses that can be completed at separate times.

SafeSport training and background checks must be completed at least two weeks prior to the member or volunteer's first event. (Please note, the results of the background check will take between 7 and 10 business days.)

The SafeSport training and background check portals will be available beginning June 1 on the [Members Only](#) site. An on-demand webinar will walk members through the process. U.S. Figure Skating's [SafeSport site](#) will also include a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document that will be updated periodically.

U.S. Figure Skating will host several SafeSport events this summer, including webinars and presentations at U.S. Figure Skating training camps. We also will keep in close communication with our members, which remain the backbone of this strong organization.

If you have questions, please email [SafeSport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:SafeSport@usfigureskating.org), or contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org) or call 719.635.5200.

Thank you for your continued support.

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