



USA WRESTLING

USA Wrestling Safe Sport Athlete Safety Procedures for Event Organizers Dated: March 2022

The USA Wrestling Safe Sport Athlete Safety Procedures for Event Organizers outlines the steps Event Organizers must take to ensure their event is complying with USA Wrestling requirements with regard to all event Delegates. “Delegates” are those people with whom the Event Organizer arranges to be at the event, i.e., athletes, athlete assistants, coaches, officials, medical staff, media, event staff, event volunteers and vendors.

It is the responsibility of each Event Organizer (e.g., organizer, club and/or state association) to monitor and enforce the requirements set forth in these procedures at their respective USA Wrestling sanctioned event, to include local, state, regional, national, and international events.

This document is in addition to, but does not supplant, USA Wrestling’s Safe Sport Program Handbook or its Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), both of which include specific policies and procedures which must be followed. In the event of any inconsistency between these procedures and the foregoing policies, the policies shall control.

Procedures:

Events Involving Minor Participants

Step 1 – USA Wrestling Membership

- a. SafeSport Trained¹: USA Wrestling requires those turning 18 years of age or older in the current membership year to take SafeSport Core training or applicable refresher courses as dictated by the USA Wrestling Membership System. If this requirement is completed, USA Wrestling’s membership system will affix a green circle in a SS Trained column next to such person’s name. NOTE: Those individuals who turn 17 years of age or younger during a current membership year are not required to take SafeSport training.
- b. Background Screen: USA Wrestling requires that those 18 years of age and older complete and pass a background screen if they are a coach, official, medical staff, media, and certain volunteers and vendors with regular contact and/or authority over minors. If a person passes the background screen (by not triggering any of USA Wrestling’s background check criteria), USA Wrestling’s membership system will affix a green circle under a BG Check column next to such person’s name. NOTE: Those less than 18 years old are not background screened.
- c. Membership Fees: All USA Wrestling members must pay the applicable membership fee to secure their membership.
- d. USA Wrestling Member: Assuming criteria a., b. and c. are met, a green circle will be affixed under the appropriate column of Athlete, Wrestling Leader, or Volunteer. This signifies that the person is a USA

¹ See attached table for reference.

Wrestling member for the current membership year (completion date of a., b. and c. through August 31).
NOTE: A person may have multiple green circles affixed due to the completion of multiple membership requirements.

- e. Event Organizers must ensure that all Delegates with regular contact with minors and/or authority over minors have a valid Wrestling Leader membership with USA Wrestling. Membership may be checked in the USA Wrestling Membership System manually or will be done automatically if the event registration is done through USA Wrestling. See table below for requirements.

Step 2 – Exclusion List

- a. Event Organizers must ensure that Delegates are NOT on a USA Wrestling or U.S. Center for SafeSport exclusion list (i.e., Suspension (temporary or permanent), or Administrative Hold) (collectively, the “Exclusion List”).
- b. Suspensions are publicly available on themat.com and at www.usawmembership.com/ineligible.
- c. The Administrative Hold list is documented in the USA Wrestling Membership System, but is not publicly available. However, a person on an Administrative Hold will display in the Membership System as not a current member (i.e., a red circle under the applicable USA Wrestling membership).

Step 3 – Same Day Registrations (Participants and Event Personnel)

- a. Follow steps 1 and 2 for same day Delegate registrations.

Events Involving Only Adult Participants

Step 1 – Exclusion List

- a. Event Organizers must ensure that all Delegates have valid USA Wrestling memberships and are not on the Exclusion List.

Step 2 – Same Day Registrations

- a. Follow step 1 for same day Delegate registrations.

Communication

- a. All Event Organizers must send out SafeSport information, including the MAAPP and how to report MAAPP policy violations and other misconduct to all Delegates prior to the event.²
- b. Regarding same day registrants, Event Organizers must provide a USA Wrestling provided QR code or post information and receive acknowledgement that the registrants have reviewed the MAAPP and how to report MAAPP violations and other misconduct.

Implementation

Event Organizers must maintain a roster of Delegates for each sanctioned event, to include their role and verification that they have each completed the necessary requirements, before allowing access to the event. Event Organizers may use the Excel spreadsheet attached to this document for such tracking and must turn in your rosters to USA Wrestling upon event completion.³

² USA Wrestling will email this information to Event Organizers to ensure that all Delegates receive the most current information available.

³ USA Wrestling is developing an Event Tracking Tool which will allow Event Organizers to maintain these rosters electronically within the USA Wrestling membership system.

Audit:

USA Wrestling and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport may audit any USA Wrestling sanctioned event at any time to verify compliance either in person or through a request for compliance information.

Adult Participant Type	Regular Contact with a Minor	Authority Over a Minor	SafeSport Trained Core
USA Wrestling Coaches	X	X	Yes
USA Wrestling Officials	X	X	Yes
USA Wrestling Team Leaders		X	Yes
USA Wrestling Program Volunteers if Regular Contact and/or Authority*	X	X	Yes
USA Wrestling Program Volunteers if no Regular Contact or Authority			USCSS Volunteer Course (when available) or SafeSport Core Training RECOMMENDED
USA Wrestling Medical**	X		Yes
Credentialed Media - regardless of Regular Contact and/or Authority			Yes
Contractors/Vendors that have Regular Contact and/or Authority	X	X	Yes

*Each event may have a different assortment of event volunteers. Depending upon the scope of a volunteer's role at an event; if USA Wrestling determines they could have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes, they will be required to be SafeSport trained. That written, the following event volunteers will be deemed to have Regular Contact with and Authority over minors: director of event, lead event coordinator, venue/operations director, director of security, media director, locker room monitors, director of escorts and Minor Athlete escorts, bus drivers, and as such, must complete SafeSport Core Training.

**Medical includes the following: athletic trainers, masseur, chiropractors, dieticians, mental health care professionals, and medical doctors. USSCS' Health Professionals Course may substitute for the SafeSport Core Training.