



Safe Sport for Event Directors Webinar Q&A

USA Gymnastics recently conducted the 2021 Updates for Meet Directors Presentation and Q&A webinar. This informative webinar provided an overview of the new USA Gymnastics Safe Sport protocols that take effect on November 1, 2021. [Click here](#) to view.

Listed below are responses to the various question that were asked during the webinar. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. To access the full FAQ, please click [here](#).

SafeSport Training Questions:

- **Are coaches under the age of 18 required to complete U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110)?**
A: **No**, minors under the age of 18 are not required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110).
- **Is janitorial staff required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110)?**
A: **No**, janitorial staff is considered to have incidental contact and therefore are not required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110).
- **Do volunteers on the floor helping judges with timing or entering scores required to complete U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110)?**
A: **No**, volunteers who help with judges are considered to have incidental contact and therefore not required to take the U.S Center for SafeSport Course (U110).
- **Do Athletic Trainers have to take U.S Center for SafeSport course (U110)?**
A: **Yes**, ALL medical personal, including Athletic Trainers are considered to have Regular Contact and are required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110). Only emergency personnel, such as paramedics are not required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport Course. Note, all medical personnel who are not associated with a third-party medical company such as a hospital or medical group must obtain a USA Gymnastics Medical membership. The Medical membership does require the completion of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Course and USA Gymnastics Background Check Screening.
- **Are parent volunteers who announce required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course?**
A: **No**, announcers and sound staff are considered to have incidental contact and therefore not required to complete the U.S. Center SafeSport Course (U110), providing they have no other responsibilities that includes regular contact with minor athletes.

Can non-members complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course?

A: **Yes**, anyone 18 years of age or older can take the U110: U.S. Center for Safe Sport course by creating a profile on usagym.org.

Do the meet coordinators and/or sanctioned event coordinators required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110)?

A: **Yes**, any person who has regular contact or authority over minor athletes is required to be current with SafeSport training and pass a background check.

Bathrooms and Changing Areas Questions

Private or semi-private places must be made available for minor athletes to change clothes or undress at competitions or facilities.

A **semi-private area** is an area that is not separate from where other athletes are changing but offers the minor athlete privacy to change. For example, a bathroom stall with a door meets this requirement. A semi-private area can also be created by a partition or drapery.

A **private area** is an area separated completely from other athletes. This area should be fully enclosed with a door, and another individual should not be able to enter without the minor athlete's permission. A single restroom or family restroom, where the minor athlete can change alone and lock the door meets this requirement

- **Are coaches and judges permitted to use the "Private Area" bathroom/changing area?**

A: Coaches and Judges are considered Adult Participants, and may use designated changing areas for minors providing they adhere to the one-on-one policy. Changing areas designated for minors can either be semi-private or private, which includes a stall with a locked door. The bathrooms can be used when minors are not changing.

- **Should bathroom monitoring be conducted by two people?**

A: Yes, it is considered as a best practice for two people to randomly sweep a bathroom for purposes of monitoring, but it is not a requirement.

- **Are the semi-private bathrooms to be used only for minor athletes?**

A: Yes, the "semi-private" area refers to a place where minor athletes can change. This area can only be used by minor athletes. It is not referring to bathrooms.

- **Frequently there is only one bathroom. Therefore, it is impossible to have a separate bathroom for judges and coaches. What do we do in those situations?**

A: Minors are not required to have a special or private bathroom. The requirement states that minors must have a semi-private or private area to change clothes if needed. This can be achieved with a bathroom stall that locks.

- **How do we manage bathrooms in large facilities that have multiple stalls and is open to the public?**

A: A bathroom in a large space such as an arena can have a specific stall designated as the changing area. It is advisable to have signage indicating how the space is utilized.

- **Do we have to designate an area for athlete changing at meets? Or just any restroom?**

A: Any space designated for changing will suffice for this requirement.

Permanently Ineligible and Suspended Persons List Questions

All Participants seeking a credential for entrance to areas accessed by minor athletes, such as the competition floor, who are not registered for the event and cannot be verified in the Meet Reservation

System must show identification, proof they have passed a background check, completion of educational requirements including U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110), and cannot be listed on the USA Gymnastics [Permanently Ineligible and Ineligible Members and Participants List](#) or as “suspended from all contact” on the USA Gymnastics [List of Suspended and Restricted Persons](#).

- How do you verify that a third-party medical person has completed their background check and U.S. Center for SafeSport Core course?
 - A: There are several steps to that will ensure a person sent by a third-party medical company is cleared to work the event.
 1. The Event Director must have a written agreement directly with the third-party medical vendor that describes expectations for the event. The agreement must include requirements for background checks, completion of U.S. Center for SafeSport course (U110), adherence to the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, and a guarantee that assigned staff do not appear on the USA Gymnastics [Permanently Ineligible and Ineligible Members and Participants List](#) or as “suspended from all contact” on the USA Gymnastics List of Suspended and Restricted Persons, and are appropriately licensed.
 2. The Event Director or their designee must check the identification of all medical staff and check their name against the [USA Gymnastics Permanently Ineligible and Ineligible Members and Participants List](#) or as suspended from all contact on the [USA Gymnastics List of Suspended and Restricted Persons](#) before contact with minor athletes will be allowed.

Meet Reservation

- How do people use Meet Reservation if they are not affiliated with a club?
 - Currently, only coaches, athlete and judges may be verified and stored in meet reservation. All others will need be verified by showing proof of a membership card that displays their active membership, educational certifications and background check screening. Meet directors/sanction administrators must scan the membership card to verify an active membership.
- When I print out my sanction forms, will all the necessary reporting forms will be included?
 - Yes, we have updated the sanction report forms to include all pertinent information necessary to returned.

Additional Resources:

- [USAG Safe Sport Event Checklist](#)
 - [Regular Contact/ Authority Over Approved List](#)
 - [Reporting Signage](#)
 - [Bathroom and Changing Area Signage](#)
 - USA Gymnastics Safe Sport for Event Directors protocols. (coming soon)