

ZERO TOLERANCE

FOR ABUSE & HARASSMENT



Dear Members,

Recent reports of sexual abuse in sport are heartbreaking; there is no place for such behavior in sports or anywhere in life. At U.S. Figure Skating, creating a safe environment for athletes of all ages to participate in sport is of paramount importance to the organization as a whole. We want to reassure you that we continue to work diligently to provide a safe and healthy environment for all members.

As one of the first NGBs to institute strong rules and policies regarding sexual misconduct and abuse, we remain a leader in implementing SafeSport policies. In 2000, U.S. Figure Skating instituted a mandatory reporting rule and an Abuse and Harassment Policy and since that time has acted promptly on every reported incident of suspected sexual abuse.

Members deserve a transparent organization. Since 2001, U.S. Figure Skating has made public the names of those members suspended or banned. Parents, skating directors and even the general public can view this list at usfigureskating.org or check if a coach or partner has completed a background screen, has proof of insurance and is up to date with continuing education.

- To view the suspended/banned list, [click here](#)
- To check the compliance of a coach or partner, [click here](#)

We never lose sight of what really matters: protecting our athletes. In partnership with the recently established U.S. Center for SafeSport – an independent organization that has exclusive jurisdiction and adjudication in matters of sexual abuse and misconduct – we work diligently to hold accountable those who have engaged in or who knew of sexual misconduct and abuse and failed to timely make a report.

After the recent brave testimonies from sexual-abuse survivors, The Center has seen an uptick in reports. While details of these reports can be heartbreaking, it's important to support those who come forward.

MAKE A REPORT

To report any suspected or observed sexual abuse or misconduct, contact local law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reports to The Center may be made online at SafeSport.org or by calling 720-531-0340. Reports can be made anonymously.

What can you do to help? Participate in one of U.S. Figure Skating's upcoming SafeSport webinars to educate yourself and those around you. To better understand U.S. Figure Skating's proactive role in the area of SafeSport, click on the links below:

- To read a summary of U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Policy, [click here](#)
- To visit U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport page, [click here](#)
- To read the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Handbook, [click here](#)
- To read U.S. Figure Skating's response to U.S. Sens. Moran and Blumenthal, [click here](#)

The safety of our athletes is every member's responsibility. Remember, if you see something of concern, say something.

Please do not hesitate to contact headquarters with any questions or concerns. We're here for you.

Thank you for all you do for U.S. Figure Skating,

Handwritten signature of Samuel Auxier in black ink.

Samuel Auxier
President

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David Raith
Executive director

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Chair, SafeSport Committee

