

U.S. Figure Skating strives to provide a safe environment for its members that is free of abuse and harassment. The association will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment or abuse of any of its members, including athletes, coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, volunteers, or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. All forms of abuse and harassment are unacceptable and in direct conflict with U.S. Figure Skating rules.

The U.S. Figure Skating SafeSkate Program addresses the following types of abuse, harassment, and misconduct:

- Sexual abuse and misconduct
- Physical abuse and misconduct
- Emotional abuse and misconduct
- Bullying, threats and harassment
- Hazing
- Willfully tolerating misconduct

All volunteers in specific roles must be SafeSkate certified and have completed a background check. These roles include team managers, club board members, adults skating on a team with minors, and any adult in a locker room where minor athletes are actively changing.

Any adult who takes the two-hour online SafeSkate training will receive **two volunteer hours from the club**. This will contribute to your volunteer hours and enhance your understanding of our and USFS safety guidelines.

I have read the SafeSkate requirements and understand that I may be asked to get SafeSkate certified if I work closely with minor athletes.