

TO: NFSC Membership

FROM: Jennifer Horstman, NFSC President

RE: SafeSport Compliance Requirements for Show

Due to the US Figure Skating SafeSport guidelines, all volunteers in any sanctioned event or club activity who come in close contact with athletes **MUST** have SafeSport Initial Training **AND** a background check. This includes locker room volunteers. Our annual skating show is a sanctioned event and is registered through US Figure Skating, therefore our club must follow the US Figure Skating SafeSport rules and regulations.

There is a new process this year for locker room volunteers: if you are assigned as a locker room volunteer for the show this year, it is mandatory that you complete the SafeSport Initial Training and have a background check through the US Figure Skating site. Since it takes 10-12 days for processing the background check, we are asking that you complete the training and background check by **March 1**, **2019**. This will give us enough time to get the results back. Instructions for completing the SafeSport Training and background check are attached.

If you are a parent and want to enter the locker rooms, you will also need to complete the SafeSport Initial Training and background check. Parents who have not completed the training or background check will NOT be allowed into the locker rooms with their skater. There will be a list of parents who have completed the SafeSport training and background check. The list will be provided to all locker room volunteers. Anyone who is not on the list will not be allowed into the locker rooms at any time during the show weekend.

There is a \$20 charge for the background check. Locker room volunteers will be reimbursed by NFSC. Please print your receipt and turn it in to Shanda Harrington for reimbursement. If you are a parent wanting to go into the locker room, the cost will be your responsibility. There is no charge for the SafeSport training. The training and background check MUST be done through the US Figure Skating site in order to be certified and recorded for the club.

As a parent or guardian of a skater, please understand that NFSC takes the SafeSport requirements seriously. These rules are to protect all skaters in the club, not just your own. If you have questions, please feel free to contact NFSC's SafeSport co-chairs Shanda Harrington at shanda.harrington@gmail.com or Jesse Buker at jesse-jolene@chibardun.net.

Thank you for your understanding and protection of our skaters.