
United States Olympic Committee

Audit Division



Report for:
United States Rowing Association

Follow-up on:
SafeSport Audit

Dated:
January 24, 2018



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Patrick McNerney
Chief Executive Officer
United States Rowing Association

Dear Patrick,

During the second and third quarter of 2017, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause (Baker Tilly) performed a SafeSport audit of the United States Rowing Association (USRowing). The purpose of this follow-up review is to report on the status of recommendation from the SafeSport audit of USRowing dated October 2017. Our methodology was limited to communication with USRowing and a review of various policies provided by the organization. The Audit Division did not perform additional audit work to verify action was taken. However, SafeSport will continue to be tested during the routine audit process.

The review found the recommendation was implemented and is considered closed. Overall, USRowing was prompt to implement the recommendations made in the SafeSport audit.

We thank you and your staff for assisting in the follow-up review.

Sincerely,

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SafeSport Follow-up Report

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Follow-up Status	Recommendation	Management Response	Follow-up Action
Implemented	USRowing must require that individuals it formally authorizes, approves, or appoints (a) to a position of authority over, or (b) to have frequent contact with athletes complete criminal background checks and education and training requirements in a timely manner and before they have contact with athletes to provide assurance that they are educated on the requirements of the Athlete Safety Standards. USRowing must consistently track and verify criminal background checks and education and training requirements are met for all Required Individuals. USRowing should review the testing results and require all necessary individuals to complete the necessary requirements (i.e., criminal background check and/or education and training).	We agree with the condition and recommendation and will respond to the USOC with a detailed plan to ensure compliance with the current NGB Athlete Safety Policy.	USRowing has made the appropriate process and policy changes to address the recommendation.