
United States Olympic Committee
Audit Division



Report for:
United States Fencing Association

Follow-up on:
SafeSport Audit

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UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO
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Kris Ekeren
Executive Director
United States Fencing Association

Dear Kris,

During the second and third quarter of 2017, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause (Baker Tilly) performed a SafeSport audit of the United States Fencing Association (USA Fencing). The purpose of this follow-up review is to report on the status of recommendations from the SafeSport audit of USA Fencing dated October 2017. Our methodology was limited to communication with USA Fencing 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 be tested during the routine audit process going forward.

The review found that both recommendations were implemented and are considered closed. USA Fencing was prompt to implement the two recommendations in the SafeSport audit.

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

Sincerely,

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SafeSport Audit Follow-up Report

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Follow-up Status	Recommendation	Management Response	Follow-up Action
Implemented	<p>United States Fencing Association 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.</p>	<p>We have amended the language of the USA Fencing Safe Sport policy to be in compliance with the Athlete Safety Standards by removing the word “minor” before participants and/or athletes.</p> <p>As a practical matter, USA Fencing has been enforcing the policy for individuals who interact with athletes and participants of all ages.</p>	<p>USA Fencing amended its policy on September 21, 2017 to address the recommendation.</p>
Implemented	<p>United States Fencing Association must update their SafeSport-related documentation and administrative materials to include the policy applies to athletes the NGB designates for the USADA required testing pool (RTP).</p>	<p>We have amended the language of the USA Fencing Safe Sport policy to be in compliance with the Athlete Safety Standards by specifically including “athletes the NGB designates for the USADA required testing pool (RTP)”.</p> <p>As a practical matter, USA Fencing has been enforcing the policy including athletes that we designate for the USADA required testing pool (RTP).</p>	<p>USA Fencing amended its policy on September 21, 2017 to address the recommendation.</p>