

Membership with USA Volleyball

2022-2023 Season: Quality Control Policy

USA Volleyball is committed to the safety and wellbeing of athletes and Participants, as defined by the U.S. Center for SafeSport's (the "Center") SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements (the "Code"), involved in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. As part of this commitment, the USA Volleyball's policy, prevention and education efforts aim to create an environment free from emotional, physical and sexual misconduct and abuse, and to ensure effective and prompt action and resolution upon the occurrence of misconduct and/or abuse. Federal legislation and the Center both promulgate rules, policies, and procedures to protect and govern the well-being of athletes and this policy reinforces and builds on those principles by providing more specifics regarding both communication and coordination between the USOPC and all NGBs.

Participants are registered as members of USA Volleyball based on their role at the event through our member management system, SportsEngine. SportsEngine automatically verifies multiple aspects of the participant based on the type of membership purchased prior to them being allowed to register.

- 1) All participants must be a member of USA Volleyball. This includes coaches, players, officials, medical personnel, event workers, volunteers, vendors, and chaperones.
- 2) Depending on the type of participant, SportsEngine will verify that the participant has the correct credentials.
 - a. The credentials to be verified include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Proper SafeSport Training for participant (Core, Refresher 1, 2 or 3, Medical Personnel)
 - ii. Background Screening
 - iii. Officials Training
 - b. If the required certification/credentials are not found to be completed in SportsEngine, then they will be unable to register/roster for an event.
 - c. All participants are checked against the USAV Suspended Members list automatically in both SportsEngine and BracketPal (our beach event system) and soon to be AVP registration system anticipated in spring of 2023.

For indoor events, once all credentials have been verified in SportsEngine, and the participant list has been cross-referenced against USAV's banned/Suspended list and administrative holds, SportsEngine will now "allow" that member to register/roster for an event. The event roster systems used for indoor events are: AES, Tm2Sign, and SportWrench.

For beach events, registration takes place in Bracket Pal. Bracket Pal is used to help set up the game scheduling and maintain roster continuity. Bracket Pal is integrated with the U.S. Center for SafeSport, so it also checks if the participant is currently SafeSport certified. If the person is not certified and required to be so, they are unable to register for the event.

Non USAV Members

Some events utilize or allow non routine vendors and/or sponsors to attend or work an event. These persons are generally not required to become members of USA Volleyball and therefore do not need to be SafeSport trained.

However, individuals who are not USAV members must be checked against the banned/suspended list and need to be provided with a copy of the MAAPP and how to report misconduct. The lead person in charge of personnel working for the event, will provide a list of employees to the event director prior to the event. If there are last minute substitutions of a vendor or sponsor, the lead person must notify the event director of this personnel change, so the event director can check the substitute against the banned/suspended member list. If it is discovered a substitute is on the banned list and was allowed to work for a vendor or sponsor, that person must be reported to the Center.

Day of Event Verification/Registration

For indoor events, the only participants that are allowed to register the day of the event are athletes if the event policy allows such a registration. Otherwise, registration/rostering must be completed prior to the event according to event deadlines.

For beach events, if a participant can be verified as eligible the day of competition, they can participate in the event. The last day to register is usually a week before the event begins so that they can receive all official communications.

For indoor events, (and for those events in which day of registration is allowed) for a player, coach, or official to be rostered, they are directed to a member of our registration team that is at check in. The player must give their name and ID number found in SportsEngine. They are then checked against SportsEngine to ensure that they have all the proper credentials completed and are eligible to participate. If so, they are rostered through one of the event roster systems: AES, Tm2Sign, and SportWrench. If not, the person is unable to enter the event and would be required to complete the missing credential before being allowed to participate for the event.

For both indoor and beach events, all vendors, contractors, and volunteers are checked in SportsEngine or one of the event roster systems at the official registration desk or with registration staff for proper credentials prior to the start of the event and upon entry each event day. If the person does not have all required credentials, the person is unable to enter the event and would be required to complete the missing credential before being allowed to participate for the event.

If a member is trying to register the day of an event, they will be rostered through SportsEngine also, to ensure that all requirements are met. If they are not, they are not allowed to be rostered/registered until the requirements are met.

Banned/Suspended Members

All banned/suspended/administrative-hold members of USA Volleyball and from the U.S. Center for SafeSport, have profiles created in SportsEngine. This profile includes all available information, including

but not limited to: name, date of birth, email, last known address. They are all given a Misconduct Suspension in the system on a national level, with an end date if it is known. All suspensions have notes attached that state the reason for the suspension. With these suspensions, any individual on these banned lists is not allowed to register for any type of event and allows event organizers to access this profile if the any banned individual attempts to register the day of an event.

If a person is currently on a U.S. Center for SafeSport Administrative Hold, they have a suspension in the system. The person should contact the Center regarding the administrative hold for resolution if the individual attempts to register for an event.

Event Check In

Event Check In is conducted the day before for indoor events and day of for beach events before the official start of the event. At this check in, all participants are given the proper credentials.

Officials and Event Workers must come to check in and present a photo ID. With the information on the ID, we verify it with our system to ensure that the identifying information matches. Once this is verified, they are handed their credentials and a lanyard to wear on their neck. This allows them access to the event.

For indoor events, coaches arrive at check in to receive their credentials also. For coaches to be allowed to enter playing area, they are given a QR Code. In order to receive the QR code, they will receive an email to their registered email in Sports Engine. In this email they are given directions on how to receive the QR code, but can only access it by inputting their USA Volleyball Member ID number. On the day of the event, they must present this QR code to be scanned and photo ID. If the name on the scanner matches their photo ID, they are allowed into the playing area.

For beach events, the coaches must check in at the beginning of each day of competition. They must present a photo ID to verify their information. They are then handed credentials to wear around their neck and given a certain color wristband to be worn so they can be identified easily on the sidelines.

MAAPP COMMUNICATION

Event organizers must provide direct communication (by email or newsletter within 30 days prior to the start of an event) to all event participants informing them of MAAPP requirements and how to report alleged sexual, physical, and emotional misconduct as well as violations of the MAAPP.

Event organizers will provide direct communication prior to an event start, of the MAAPP and reporting mechanisms to any same-day event participants that did not receive them previously by email or newsletter.

Event organizers should place signage around the event about MAAPP requirements and how to report violations.

Event organizers should discuss MAAPP requirements in meetings with Adult Participants, including meetings for volunteers, coaches, arbitrators, and officials.

Distribution and Attachments

This policy is emailed to all Event organizers at the beginning of each season with the below listed attachments:

[MAAPP at a Glance](#)

[How to Report Flyer](#)

[U.S. Center for SafeSport Best Practices checklist](#)