BACKGROUND AND AUDIT PURPOSE

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center) is committed to building a sport community in which individuals can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse and misconduct. Federal law 36 U.S.C. §220541 authorizes the Center to develop and enforce abuse prevention policies and procedures that the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and its National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and Paralympic Sports Organizations (PSOs) must implement.

In accordance with that law, the Center has been granted authority to complete regular and random audits of NGBs, PSOs, and the USOPC. The Center objectively evaluates adherence and level of compliance to the requirements set forth in the SafeSport Code (the Code) and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP).

AUDIT SCOPE

This 2022 audit is based on Administrative Audit Standards articulated in the Audit and Compliance Manual released by the Center on Jan. 11, 2022.

The audit covered the following areas:
> EDUCATION AND TRAINING
> COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING
> QUALITY CONTROL
> LOCAL AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

AUDIT METHODOLOGY

During the audit, the Center:

- Reviewed policies and procedures
- Evaluated processes
- Administered implementation fidelity testing
- Interviewed individuals responsible for compliance with Center requirements

AUDIT SUMMARY

Based on the audit methodology, the Center made findings as to whether standards in Appendix A were met for Education and Training, Communication and Reporting, Quality Control, and Local Affiliated Organizations (applying scoring guidelines in Appendix B).

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AUDIT AREA: EDUCATION AND TRAINING

REQUIREMENTS:
1. Identify all Adult Participants in the organization required to annually (every 12 months) complete U.S. Center for SafeSport training.
2. Track all above Adult Participants in a database or spreadsheet and provide the list to the Center.
3. Mark any Adult Participant who has not completed the required training in Organization database or membership system as “not in good standing” and show proof of automated process or written policy that ensures these individuals are prevented from participation or from having regular contact or authority over amateur athletes who are minors. Staff and board members must be trained annually (every 12 months) regardless of participation or activity.
4. Annually (every 12 months) offer and give training to Minor Athletes regarding prevention and reporting of child abuse. Ensure these trainings are communicated to Minor Athletes by either email or newsletter. Get parental consent prior to their completion of training. Track the following:
   a. A description of the training
   b. The date the training was offered and given
   c. A description of how the training was offered and given
5. Annually (every 12 months) offer and give training to parents regarding prevention and reporting of child abuse. Ensure these trainings are communicated to parents by either email or newsletter. Track the following:
   a. A description of the training
   b. The date the training was offered and given
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SCORE: Implemented

RATIONALE:
Requirement Nos. 1 and 2 are satisfied. Of the 17 individuals selected for testing, 17 (100%) were properly included, or properly excluded, from their list of Adult Participants required to complete the Center’s SafeSport training.

Requirement No. 3 is satisfied. Of the 102 individuals selected for testing, 102 (100%) had completed training or were properly marked in their membership system as not in good standing.

Requirement Nos. 4 and 5 are satisfied. USA Archery offered to minor athletes the Center’s prevention and reporting of child abuse trainings by email on November 23, 2021, and offered to parents the Center’s prevention and reporting of child abuse trainings by email on October 29, 2021 and January 14, 2022.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:
No Corrective Action required.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL: N/A

PROJECTED DEADLINE: N/A

CORRECTIVE PLAN:
No Management Response required.
AUDIT AREA: COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Post the Organization’s 2022 Center-approved MAAPP: Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (to include the Education & Training Policy and the Required Prevention Policies) on Organization website no later than January 1, 2022.
2. Provide direct communication of the Organization’s 2022 Center-approved MAAPP Education and Training Policy and Required Prevention Policies to all members and Adult Participants no later than January 1, 2022, by either email or newsletter, and thereafter at least every new NGB membership cycle.
3. Have a mechanism on the Organization’s public website (e.g., a form, link, or contact info for an athlete safety liaison) enabling individuals to report all concerns involving alleged sexual misconduct, physical misconduct, emotional misconduct, or violations of the MAAPP.
4. Provide direct communication of the reporting mechanism in requirement #3 (separate from link to Organization’s full Athlete Safety policy) to all members and Adult Participants no later than January 1, 2022, by either email or newsletter, and thereafter at least every new NGB membership cycle.
5. Provide the Organization’s written protocol for communicating the Quality Control System (see Standard #3) to all sanctioned event directors of the Organization.
6. Provide the Organization’s written protocol for communicating to all event participants within the Organization, the Center-approved Education and Training Policy and Required Prevention Policies and reporting protocols for all concerns involving alleged sexual misconduct, physical misconduct, emotional misconduct, or violations of the MAAPP.

**SCORE:** Implemented

**RATIONALE:**

Requirement Nos. 1 and 3 are satisfied.

Requirement Nos. 2 and 4 are satisfied. USA Archery communicated their reporting mechanism and Center-approved MAAPP which includes the Required Prevention Policies and Education and Training policies to all members and Applicable Adults by e-mail on December 3rd and 21st, 2021.

Requirement No. 5 is satisfied. USA Archery provided written protocol that demonstrated that they communicate USAA’s Quality Control System to event directors through their online event sanctioning process.

Requirement No. 6 is satisfied. USA Archery provided written protocol that includes e-mail sample language and steps for an event organizer to follow in order to send communications to event participants regarding the MAAPP and reporting mechanism for all event participants. The protocol also includes steps to follow for communicating the MAAPP and reporting mechanism to all day-of event participants.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:**

No Corrective Action required.
**AUDIT AREA: COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING**

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AUDIT AREA: QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEM

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Organization must implement a Quality Control System to ensure that individuals on the Organizational Exclusion List are unable to participate in any event, program, activity, or competition authorized by, organized by, or under the auspices of the Organization. The Quality Control System also must ensure that individuals who are required to be but are not SafeSport Trained are either prevented from participating or are in a role that does not include regular contact or authority over amateur athletes who are minors.

2. Quality Control System must include the Organization’s written implementation protocol—clear action steps to effectuate policies—pertaining to all participant registration and onsite check-in. This written protocol must include and address the following:
   a. One-day/short-term memberships
   b. Day-of participant registration (of athletes, volunteers, coaches, officials, etc.)
   c. On-site registration/participation (of athletes, volunteers, coaches, officials, etc.)
   d. Last-minute substitutions (of personnel such as referees, volunteers, etc.)
   e. Oversight procedures by the Organization when their staff is not on-site at sanctioned events

SCORE: Implemented

RATIONALE:

Requirement No. 1 is satisfied.

Requirement No. 2 and 2(a-e) are satisfied. USA Archery’s Quality Control System includes a protocol for event organizers to follow to verify SafeSport training for required individuals prior to an event by using USAA’s membership management system. The Quality Control System also includes access to USAA’s Organizational Exclusion List for event organizers to utilize to ensure that individuals on the Organizational Exclusion List are unable to participate in the event. The protocols encompass any potential short-term athlete member and any on-site or day of participation/registration, should it occur. USAA provides a tracking tool for event organizers to maintain a record of event participant compliance checks and requires that the event organizer to maintain the tracking tools so they can be provided if requested during future audits conducted by USAA and/or the Center.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

No Corrective Action required.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL: N/A

PROJECTED DEADLINE: N/A

CORRECTIVE PLAN:

No Management Response required.
AUDIT AREA: LOCAL AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Organization must provide direct communication of the 2022 Center-approved MAAPP (to include the Education & Training Policy and Required Prevention Policies) sent to all LAOs, by email or newsletter, by January 1, 2022, and thereafter at least every new NGB membership cycle.
2. Organization’s 2022 Center-approved Education & Training Policy and Required Prevention Policies must require LAOs to adhere to at least the minimum requirements of the NGB’s MAAPP.

SCORE: Implemented

RATIONALE:

Requirement No. 1 is satisfied. USA Archery communicated their reporting mechanism and Center-approved MAAPP which includes the Required Prevention Policies and Education and Training policies to all LAOs by e-mail on December 3rd and 21st, 2021.

Requirement No. 2 is satisfied.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

No Corrective Action required.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL: N/A

PROJECTED DEADLINE: N/A

CORRECTIVE PLAN:

No Management Response required.
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NOT IMPLEMENTED
A finding of this type indicates a minimal reduction in risk to Minor Athletes and reveals what is determined to be a poor environment of safety and well-being for Minor Athletes. This can result from, but is not limited to, the following:

- Complete absence of policies and/or relevant and supporting documentation where required
- Complete absence of communication to Adult Participants regarding specific policy/requirements
- Complete absence of reporting and oversight structure for Required Prevention Policy violations
- Less than 70% compliance on Education & Training requirements

PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED
A finding of this type indicates a moderate reduction in risk to Minor Athletes and reveals what is determined to be a limited environment of safety and well-being for Minor Athletes. This can result from, but is not limited to, the following:

- Presence of policies but missing relevant and supporting documentation
- Presence of policies that do not meet the mandatory minimum requirements of the MAAPP
- Not adequately or consistently providing communication to Adult Participants regarding policy/requirements
- Lack of an adequate reporting and oversight structure for Required Prevention Policy violations
- Above 70% and below 90% compliance on Education & Training requirements

IMPLEMENTED
A finding of this type indicates a significant reduction in risk to Minor Athletes and reveals what is determined to be a satisfactory environment of safety and well-being for Minor Athletes. This can result from, but is not limited to, the following:

- Presence of policies and all relevant and supporting documentation provided where required
- Adequate and consistent communication to Adult Participants
- Adequate reporting and oversight structure for Required Prevention Policy violations
- 90% or higher compliance on Education & Training requirements