

Background Screenings for Certified Race Directors FAQs

1. Why is this being implemented at this stage in the program?

Recent events in the sports community have triggered our need for background screenings to be implemented by USAT beyond Coaching Certification only. In addition, the USOC has mandated that all governing bodies must support this movement. As a result, USA Triathlon is obligated to support the program to ensure our athletes and race directors are safe.

2. Do I need to complete the screening twice if I am already a Certified USAT Coach?

No, part of the reason we went with the same criteria for coaches and race directors was to create consistency in the program. If you are a Certified USAT Coach and passed the background screening within the calendar year of becoming certified or recertifying as a Certified Race Director you will not need to complete a second screening through NCSI.

3. Can I be grandfathered into the program since I have been a Certified Race Director prior to this?

No. We are requiring everyone moving forward to be screened and pass the background screening in order to be a Certified Race Director.

4. If I am also a Certified Coach, will I have to undergo a second background check?

As long as you have completed and passed the background screening within the calendar year of becoming certified as a coach or recertifying as a Certified Race Director, your screening will be valid.

5. What is USAT looking for with the background screening?

For the background screening criteria, [click here](#).

6. What are my opportunities for appeal?

Effective September 1st, 2013, there is no appeal process for failed background checks. There are no exceptions. A failed background check results in the candidate being ineligible for certification or recertification. There is no appeal process for failed background checks. If a Certified Race Director receives a red light and believes the red light is in error, the applicant should work with NCSI directly to resolve the matter. If you have any questions or problems submitting your information, please call the National Center for Safety Initiatives at (866) 833-7100 x109.

7. The National Center for Safety Initiatives background screening goes back how many years?

For three of the criteria, it will go back as far as ten (10) years. For others, refer to [this link](#).

8. Does USAT absorb the cost the screening?

No. The Race Director will make payment on the NCSI website as part of the overall submissions process.

9. Will I need to undergo a screen every year?

No. The NCSI screening lasts for two years from the date you complete the process in their system which coincides with your recertification period.

10. If I recertified or became certified in 2012, do I need to complete this screening in 2013?

No, you complete the screening when you recertify in 2014. If you complete the Level 1 Certification course after January 1st, 2014, you will need to complete the screening before you can become certified.

11. If I took the Level 1 Certification course in 2013, do I need to complete the background screening before 12/31/2013?

No, you will complete your recertification and background screening together in 2015.

12. Is the screening done every year?

No, the screening is completed every two years in conjunction with your recertification.

13. Does USA Triathlon see my information for the background screening for NCSI?

No. USA Triathlon never sees the personal information put into NCSI to run the background screening. Further, USA Triathlon is only notified as to a “green light” or a “red light.” USA Triathlon never sees the information from the screening.