

USA GYMNASTICS

MEDICAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT FAQ

– FOR USA GYMNASTICS SANCTIONED EVENTS –

USA Gymnastics sanctioned events have minimum medical personnel requirements based on the athlete levels and numbers participating in your event.

Event Directors are responsible for securing the necessary medical personnel for each sanction. Failure to obtain proper medical personnel can result in a sanction violation. Click below to review the minimum medical personnel requirements to your discipline.

- [Acro & Tumbling Development Program Rules & Policies](#) (Page 19)
- [Acrobatic Rules & Policies](#) (Page 20-21)
- [Men's Artistic Rules & Policies](#) (Pages 28-29)
- [Power TeamGym Rules & Policies](#) (Page 45)
- [Rhythmic Rules & Policies](#)
- [Trampolines & Tumbling Rules & Policies](#) (Section IV, pages 40-42)
- [Women's Artistic Rules & Policies](#) (Chapter 4, pages 29-30)

Q: What should I do if my scheduled medical personnel is no longer available?

A: Hosting a meet without medical providers that meet the requirements will result in a sanction violation. Often, contracting with an EMS provider, local hospital or health system, or other third-party vendor can provide some level of security as there is generally a contract clause that requires the third party vendor to provide a replacement staff member if the staff member assigned to the contract is unable to fulfil their responsibilities.

Q: Can I substitute my planned medical personnel for an individual that doesn't meet some of the requirements (ie; SafeSport, background check, or a lower level medical provider than what is required for the competition level)?

A: No, hosting a meet without medical providers that meet the requirements will result in a sanction violation. When contracting with a third-party vendor who is providing emergency services only (i.e. not providing any icing, taping, or massage), the providers are not required to have SafeSport training or a background check consistent with the USAG policy. [Click here](#) to view membership requirements for independent medical providers and third-party medical vendors.

Q: What happens if the person I've hired does not have the certifications listed in the R&P?

A: The R&P's allow for other medical providers who do not have specific certifications, providing they have the required training and expertise necessary for the level of the event. Click the links above to view your discipline's Rules & Policies regarding medical personnel requirements.

Q: Are medical personnel covered by sanctioned event insurance?

A: No, sanction event insurance does not include medical liability coverage. Medical personnel should carry their own medical malpractice insurance. If you contract with a third-party provider, the employer should provide this coverage for the medical personnel they provide.

Q: What is the difference between emergency medical staff and medical staff who conduct massaging, icing and taping?

A: Emergency personnel at a meet provide on-site emergency response and may not conduct standardized massaging, icing or taping services of any kind. According to the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, emergency personnel such as EMTs, are not considered to have regular contact or authority over minor athletes. Medical staff who perform massaging, icing, and taping services are considered to have regular contact and authority over minor athletes and, as such, must be background checked and Safe Sport trained.

Q: Can a coach who is also a licensed medical provider, provide medical care at a meet?

A: No, it is against Safe Sport policy for a coach to offer massaging, icing or taping services at an event where they are coaching or have athletes directly involved. They may perform such services at an event where they are not involved as a coach, provided they follow all medical protocol for event staff.

Click [here](#) to view the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport membership requirements for medical personnel.

