



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## MAHA / USA Hockey Protocols for Private Skills Coaches

To participate on practice ice with any USA Hockey sanctioned teams, you must have the following:

- 1) **A current USA Hockey Registration.** If you are not registered for this year and plan on going on the ice for any practice time, go to <https://membership.usahockey.com/> and register.
- 2) **A current SafeSport Certification.** This needs to be renewed every season so if you have not done it this year, you need to do it again. Here is the link to register for a SafeSport course: <https://www.usahockey.com/SAFESPORTPROGRAM>
- 3) **A current approved Michigan background check.** Background checks must be done every other season (background checks are good for two years). If you do not have a current approved Background Check, here is the link: <https://solutions.ncsisafe.com/>

**Private skills coaches cannot be on the bench for any USA Hockey sanctioned games unless you are on the approved roster for that team.** In order to be rostered, you have to have a current USA Hockey Level 1-4 coaching certification, in addition to all of the above.

**NOTE:** If teams are bringing uncertified skills coaches on the ice during practices or on the bench during games, they are subject to penalties/sanctions including but not necessarily limited to game forfeiture and potential coaching suspensions.