

## Professional Photography/Video Policy at Sanctioned Events -Update

### Independent Photographer/Videographer (non-USA Gymnastics Premier event)

- Independent Photographer/Videographer NOT associated with a third-party vendor must become Instructor Member, which requires completion of USA Gymnastics background check and U110: U.S. Center for SafeSport Core course.
- The meet director and/or host club should have a written agreement directly with the individual photographer/videographer that explains their role and expectations for the event.
- Independent Photographer/Videographer and meet director and/or host club are responsible for following the Safe Sport Policy related to Photography and Videography. That policy can be found on page 15 of the Safe Sport Policy.
- Meet Directors are required to confirm that the Independent Photographer/Videographer is an Instructor Member.
- The Independent Photographer/Videographer must present their Instructor membership card that reflects current U110: U.S. Center for SafeSport training and Background Check certification.
- The Independent Photographer and meet director and/or host club are responsible for obtaining any required consent and/or authorization to photograph individuals or locations. Third Party Photography/Videography Vendor (non-USA Gymnastics Premier event)

**Third-Party Photography/Videography vendors are defined as companies that have contracted with a meet director and/or host club to provide photography/videography services and assign staff to provide said services at a sanctioned event.**

- Third-Party Photography/Videographer Vendor must have at least one owner or managing director obtain an Instructor Membership, which requires completion of USA Gymnastics background check and U110: U.S. Center for SafeSport Core course.
- The staff assigned by the Third-Party Photography/Videography Vendor to provide services at a sanctioned event, are not required to become members of USA Gymnastics. However, the Third-Party Photography/Videography vendor must ensure, and show proof upon request, that all Third-Party Vendor staff assigned to such events have successfully passed a background check screening consistent with USA Gymnastics Criminal Background Screening Policy.
- The meet director and/or host club should have a written agreement directly with the Third-Party Photography/Videography Vendor that explains their role and expectations for the event.
- The Third-Party Photography/Videography Vendor and meet director are responsible for following the Safe Sport Policy related to the Photography and Videography. That policy can be found on page 15 of the Safe Sport Policy.
- The Third-Party Photography/Videography Vendor and meet director or host club are responsible for obtaining any required consent or authorization to photograph individuals or locations. Clarification of Photo/Video Equipment Usage by Spectators Attending a Local/Invitational Sanctioned Event USA Gymnastics does not set rules and regulations regarding photography/videography equipment used by spectators at non-premier USA Gymnastics event; e.g., local/invitational sanctioned events. Meet Directors have and are given the authority to set photography/videography policies depending on the individual environmental conditions of each sanctioned event for they serve as the meet director.