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A joint commitment to creating safe sport environments and healthy athletes



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Our Work

The U.S. Center for SafeSport, located in Denver, Colorado, opened its doors in March of 2017 and is an independent nonprofit designated by Congress through the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017. The first and only national organization of its kind, the Center provides a safe, professional and confidential place for individuals to report sexual misconduct within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport is also a resource for any sports entity, from grassroots organizations to professional leagues and provides educational programs and consultation on abuse awareness and prevention techniques. The Center delivers online training for coaches, athletes, parents and youth. The Center holds the responsibility for developing national policies and procedures to prevent the emotional, physical and sexual abuse of amateur athletes, and recently developed the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (available on <https://safesport.org/>).

The U.S. Center for SafeSport's mission supports the belief that the many benefits of sports should never be undermined by disrespect or behavior that compromises the well-being of athletes.

Mission

To make athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation's sports culture. All athletes deserve to participate in sports free from bullying, hazing, sexual misconduct or any form of emotional or physical abuse.

Vision

Every athlete will be safe, supported and strengthened through sport.

- Safe: Athletes are protected from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.
- Supported: Athletes enjoy welcome, respectful environments and diversity is actively embraced.
- Strengthened: Athletes use the skills they've learned in sport to contribute to the well-being of their communities. Every athlete thrives, on and off the field of play.

Response and Resolution

The Center began accepting reports of sexual misconduct within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements after launching in March of 2017. The Center maintains an office for the Response and Resolution team and established mechanisms that allow for the reporting, investigation and resolution of violations of the SafeSport Code of Conduct (available on <https://safesport.org/>).

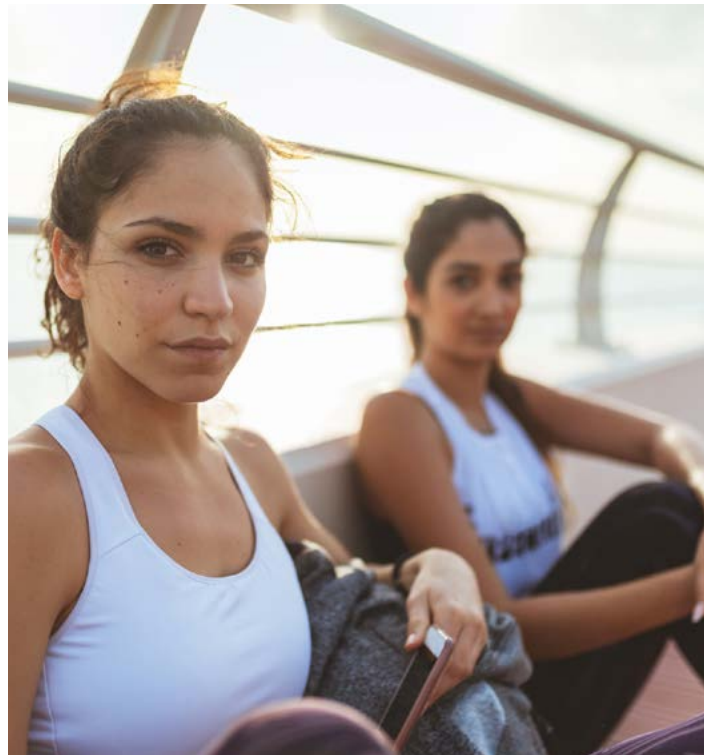
Through our Response and Resolution process, our experts evaluate each report to determine the proper outcome. Sanctions, which range from suspensions to permanent ineligibility across all Olympic sports, may be issued when a finding of a SafeSport Code violation is determined. An overview of the entire Response and Resolution process can be found online (available on <https://safesport.org/files/details/109>).

The Center's Centralized Disciplinary Database (available on <https://safesport.org/userviolations/search>), which includes historical data on sexual misconduct decisions from the National Governing Bodies, is another resource for organizations to search for individuals either suspended for a specific period of time or rendered permanently ineligible to participate in sport.

Education and Outreach

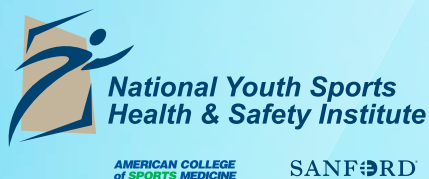
Education and awareness are critical components to creating safe and respectful sporting environments, free of abuse and harassment. Since opening, the Center has upheld its commitment to its mission by providing and developing training, policies, oversight practices and procedures to prevent abuse of any kind in sport.

The Center's efforts align with the Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, which outlines that the Center must, "maintain an office for education and outreach that shall develop training, oversight practices, policies, and procedures to prevent the abuse, including emotional, physical, sexual abuse, of amateur athletes participating in amateur athletic activities through national governing bodies and Paralympic sports organizations."



The Center provides both in person and online training through our SafeSport™ Trained Programs (available on <https://safesport.org/training>), and offers speakers that are available to train organizations in-person on request.

For more information on the Center's policies, training and resources, email info@safesport.org.



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