

WHAT HORSE OWNERS NEED TO KNOW

ABOUT SAFE SPORT & THE USEF MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES (MAAPP)

1 HORSE OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW SAFESPORT CODES AND POLICIES

USEF is committed to building a sport community where participants can work and learn together free of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse and misconduct.

As an owner, you are an important part of our work to create environments that are supportive and safe, so our community, and especially our young people can flourish in sport and beyond. USEF and the U.S. Center for SafeSport have developed policies to protect athletes from abuse. All owners are bound by the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, also known as the MAAPP.

2 USEF'S MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES (MAAPP)

One-on-one interactions with minors must be observable and interruptible.

- Adults must include another adult, the minor athlete's parent/guardian, or another adult family member of the minor athlete on all electronic communications with a minor unless a specified exception applies.
- An adult may travel with a minor in the presence of another adult or two other minors who are at least 8 years of age, or with written consent from the minor's legal guardian.*
- Working students under 18 years of age who travel or live with a trainer must also have written consent from the working student's legal guardian to do so.*
- If you observe or are made aware of any violation of these policies, you should resolve it if possible and report the violation to USEF.

*Sample consent language is available on the USEF Safe Sport Page for Parents (usef.org/safe-sport/parents)

3 SAFESPORT TRAINING FOR HORSE OWNERS

SafeSport training is essential in creating a safer environment for our competitors, and particularly our junior members. The SafeSport training educates, informs, and reminds us that we all must be part of the solution to keep our young people and our sport safe.

If a horse owner has an active USEF Competing Membership and are over 18 years of age they are required to take the U.S. Center for SafeSport training. The online SafeSport® Trained Core Course must be completed the first year with a refresher course every 12 months for the following three years, beginning the calendar year after completing the Core Course. Every four years, a Core Course must be completed. A horse entered by an owner who is on the SafeSport Training Ineligibility List is ineligible to compete at USEF licensed or endorsed competitions. Additionally, all exhibiting riders and trainers must have completed their SafeSport training for a horse's points to count.



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REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Immediately upon learning of suspected or alleged sexual misconduct, USEF members must make a report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport. They must also report to local authorities if a minor is involved.

Reports to the Center can be made electronically through the Center's website at uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Individuals should not investigate or attempt to evaluate the credibility of allegations involving sexual misconduct. The Center's Response and Resolution team will investigate.

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REPORTING PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL MISCONDUCT AND MAAPP VIOLATIONS

US Equestrian has provided several ways to report abuse when recognized.

1. Text 28733 (2USEF)
 - a. The sender's contact information remains unavailable to USEF.
 - b. When submitting your text, it is important to include any photos, videos, and other relevant information to the abuse claims.
2. Reporting Website (usef.org/safe-sport/reporting)
 - a. This site explains where to report different types of abuse.
 - b. Important helplines and resources are highlighted.

