

WHAT ORGANIZERS NEED TO KNOW

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

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COMPETITION ORGANIZERS 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 organizer, 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 Safe Sport have developed policies to protect athletes from abuse. All participants, including Competition Organizers, 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.

* See the USEF - Competition Quality Control System for SafeSport related requirements aimed to ensure you, your competition, and your participants remain in compliance.

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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)

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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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SAFESPORT TRAINING FOR COMPETITION ORGANIZERS

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.

All competition managers are required to take SafeSport training and complete a background check prior to working at a competition. 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. All adult members and participants who have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes must be in compliance with the SafeSport Training requirement to be eligible to participate. All participants who are members must be checked against the SafeSport Training ineligibility list. Any participant on the ineligibility list for failure to take or refresh their training cannot participate in any role other than as a spectator. As a competition manager, you must ensure all participants are checked against the USEF Safe Sport sanctions list. If a participant is found on said list, they must be prohibited from entering the showgrounds from the time that competition related participants are permitted on the grounds until after the last participant leaves. Participants include riders, coaches, trainers, owners, officials, staff, vendors, media personnel, and anyone engaged or authorized by the competition to perform or provide services or products. If someone on the USEF Safe Sport sanctions list is on the grounds, they must be removed by competition management or law enforcement if necessary, for trespassing.

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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.

