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



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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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SAFESPORT TRAINING FOR AFFILIATES

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.

SafeSport training is required for all USEF members 18 years of age or older. Affiliate staff and board members are required to comply with the SafeSport training requirements. Additionally, affiliate members who are 18 years of age or older must comply with the SafeSport training requirement if they have regular contact with minor athletes or if they are authorized by the affiliate to have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes. 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.

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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.



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.

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AFFILIATES ARE REQUIRED TO ENFORCE US EQUESTRIAN'S SAFE SPORT SANCTIONS LIST

Any suspension imposed by the Federation must be enforced by Affiliates upon notification by the Federation. A suspended person shall not be permitted to take any part whatsoever in any competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation and must be excluded from all competition grounds during competitions licensed or endorsed by the Federation, as an exhibitor, participant or spectator, from the time that competition related participants are permitted on the grounds until after the last participant leaves.

