# USA VOLLEYBALL SAFESPORT UPDATES

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2022 MAAPP

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In compliance with the 2022 MAAPP, USA Volleyball would like to remind your Region about ongoing training available through the U.S. Center for SafeSport. The Center currently offers a variety of courses free for children and parents. USA Volleyball Members can access this free training at: www.Safesporttrained.org



#### PARENT'S GUIDE TO MISCONDUCT IN SPORT

Designed for parents of youth athletes at any age, this free course and preventing abuse and misconduct in their child's sport setting and advocates, with sound guidance on fostering positive and safe at home. Parents will come away equipped with information and to

#### **SAFESPORT® FOR YOUTH ATHLETES (AGES 1**

This course focuses on bullying and hazing prevention, supporting misconduct, and resources for reporting. Requires parental conse

#### **SAFESPORT® FOR KIDS 15 MINUTES**

This course educates young athletes ages 5–12 about the different encourages them to reach out to a trusted adult when something if being a good teammate, positive sportsmanship, and having a hasfety. Requires parental consent for registration.

Additionally, the Center is offering training in the MAAPP utilizing the following link:

<u>Trainings</u> | <u>Safesport MAAPP</u> (<u>uscenterforsafesport.org</u>)



Classes will be offered periodically So check back often

## FOR ADMINISTRATORS

### MAY 12, 2022 3:00 PM MT

Know your impact as an administrator in creating culture change within sport.

REGISTER ON ZOOM



### JUNE 6, 2022 12:00 PM MT

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## STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

All adult participants are required to annually complete U.S. Center for SafeSport Training. (e.g. all staff, board members, adult athletes who have regular contact and authority over amatuer athletes who are minors, coaches, referees/officials, interns, volunteers, medical staff, vendors, contractors, media, etc.)

## REPORT A CONCERN

<u>Training and Reporting to Prevent Abuse | U.S. Center for SafeSport (uscenterforsafesport.org)</u>

# MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

If you suspect child abuse or neglect report it to local law enforcement <u>before</u> reporting it to the Center.

<u>How to Report Child Abuse and Neglect</u>
- <u>Child Welfare Information Gateway</u>

## WHAT CAN I REPORT?

The Center accepts all reports affecting the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement of:

- Sexual Misconduct, including without limitation child sexual abuse and any misconduct that is reasonably related to an underlying allegation of Sexual Misconduct
- Criminal Charges or Dispositions involving Child Abuse or Sexual Misconduct
- Misconduct Related to Reporting, where the underlying allegation involves Child Abuse or Sexual Misconduct:
- Aiding and Abetting, when it relates to the Center's process
- Misconduct Related to the Center's Process
- Other Inappropriate Conduct, such as retaliation

The Center has exclusive jurisdiction to investigate and resolve reports affecting the Movement in the bulleted categories above.

The Center also accepts reports of emotional and physical misconduct (including bullying, hazing, stalking, and harassment) within the Movement. Reports of emotional and physical misconduct can also be made directly to your sport's national governing body (NGB). Also, reports of MAAPP violations can be made directly to your sport's national governing body (NGB).

## **NEW FOR 2023**

## **RESPONSE**

## AND RESOLUTION POLICY

USA Volleyball will be adopting the Center's Response and Resolution Policy for the 2022-2023 season. The policy includes reporting mechanisms already in place, as well as new requirements. USA Volleyball has already begun implementation of these new requirements from the Center which involve a comprehensive tracking mechanism of all reports of misconduct. We kindly ask for your cooperation and assistance as we develop our new protocols. Some of the items on the horizon include the following:

- 1. **Jurisdiction Notification**: USAV must promptly inform an identified reporting party of its jurisdictional determination regarding their report to the NGB, communicating that the matter is either being referred to the Center, or is being addressed by the Region.
- Mandatory Reporting: USAV adopted the Center's mandatory reporting policy that comports with the mandatory reporting of child abuse provisions in the SafeSport Code, including mandatory reports to law enforcement, compliance with any other applicable reporting requirements under state law, and mandatory reports to the Center.
- **3. Prohibition of Retaliation:** USAV will adopt the Center's prohibition of retaliation before, during and afer the process (whether led by

the NGB or by the Center) of resolving an abuse or misconuct allegation.

- 4. Response and Resolution of Reported Allegations: USAV tracks all reports of misconduct arising from the Center and which are reported by the NGB or Region. All reports of miscondct must be adjudicated either through the Center or via the Region's policys and due process. If a report of misconduct is declined by the Center, then it will be referred to the Region for adjudication. The Region must report to USAV when the matter has been closed.
- **5. Responsiveness to Requests from the Center:** USAV must respond to requests from the Center within 72 hours for:
  - a. The eligibility status of a Particpant
  - **b.** The existence of Region imposed temporary measures or safety plans.
- 6. Enforcement of Sanctions and Temporary Measures: Individuals with sanctions or temporary meaures (issued by the Center or the Region) are prohibited from participating in any event, program, activity, or competition authorized by, organized by, or under the aupsices of USAV. Individuals who are required to be, but are not SafeSport trained are not permitted to participate or hold any role that inlcudes regular contact or authority over amatuer athletes who are minors.

## USAV will submit to the Center "Data of Matters Addressed by the Region":

USAV must annually submit to the Center data regarding reports of emotional and physical miscondct made to the NGB or Region including the total reported incidents of alleged emotional and physical misconduct, the total number of investigations of emotional and physical misconduct, and the total number of violations for emotional and physical misconduct adjudicated by the Region. USAV must also report to the Center the total reported incidents of alleged violations of the MAAPP by policy type, the total number of investigations and total number of violations of the MAAPP. USAV must annually report the total reported incidents, investigations and violations of alleged retaliation adjudicated by the Region.

USA Volleyball will be instituting the 2023 Response and Resolution Policy beginning September 1, 2022