

2025 COACHES SURVEY KEY FINDINGS

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Coaches are critical leaders, mentors, and champions of athlete safety and beyond. The following findings from the 2025 Coaches Survey highlight the dedication and passion coaches bring to their roles, while also underscoring the significant challenges that many face including exposure to harmful behaviors, barriers to policy implementation, and uneven support for safety and well-being across sport environments.

92% OF COACHES

agreed that coaching has had a positive impact on their life.

76% OF COACHES

felt confident that concerns raised about athlete safety would be appropriately addressed by their sport organization.

46% OF COACHES

shared that while coaching they had at some point been the target of verbal harassment or abuse.

56% OF COACHES

who experienced verbal harassment or abuse while coaching indicated that the source of the mistreatment was most often parents of athletes.

46% OF COACHES

were aware of other coaches within the last 5 years shouting at an athlete in a frightening, threatening, or belittling manner.

35% OF COACHES

stated that barriers to implementing and upholding athlete safety policy were related to organizational communication, fairness, and mistrust.



Survey findings shed light on the disproportionate experiences of either witnessing or experiencing abuse by coaches with disabilities, women, those who identified as having a non-heterosexual sexual orientation, and those in ethnic/racial minorities.

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