

**Claimant:** A person who is alleged to have experienced conduct that constitutes a violation of the SafeSport Code.

**Local Affiliated Organization (LAO):** A regional, state, or local club or organization affiliated with an NGB, or affiliated with an NGB by its direct affiliation with a regional or state affiliate of said NGB. LAO does not include a regional, state, or local club or organization that is only a member of a National Member Organization of an NGB.

**National Governing Body (NGB):** A national sport governing body certified by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, and therefore subject to U.S. Center for SafeSport jurisdiction on matters related to abuse and misconduct; there are more than 50 NGBs.

**Respondent:** An individual who is alleged to have violated the SafeSport Code.

**Safe Sport Act:** The 2017 Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 (S.534) is a federal law that designates the U.S. Center for SafeSport with the authority to respond to reports of sexual abuse and misconduct within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

**SafeSport Code:** The SafeSport Code defines the U.S. Center for SafeSport's authority and jurisdiction, prohibited categories of abuse and misconduct, and the Center's process for responding to and resolving abuse and misconduct claims affecting the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. The Code applies to all Participants in the Movement, and the Center's authority to enforce it derives from the federal SafeSport Act.

**U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC):** The national committee for the United States for the training, entering, and funding of U.S. teams for the Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, Pan American, and Parapan American Games.

**U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement (the Movement):** An umbrella term that incorporates all individuals affiliated with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, and more than 50 affiliate sport national governing bodies and their local affiliate organizations. The U.S. Center for SafeSport has jurisdiction over the Movement on matters related to abuse and misconduct. It does not have such jurisdiction over individuals outside the Movement.