

## **U.S. Center for SafeSport**

### **WHO WE ARE**

The U.S. Center for SafeSport is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in March 2017, and is responsible for responding to and preventing emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct and abuse in U.S. Olympic and Paralympic communities. Under the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, we are the only organization in the country congressionally mandated to take on this task.

While the law entrusts the Center as the exclusive authority to respond to reports of allegations of abuse and misconduct within the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and their recognized National Governing Bodies (NGB), we are an educational resource for sports organizations at all levels, from grassroots amateur sports organizations to professional leagues.

Our mission is to make athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation's sports culture through abuse prevention, education, and accountability. We live this mission every day by focusing on the fundamentals needed to create culture change.

#### **Preventing abuse in sport**

We educate coaches, athletes, and others involved in sport to prevent abuse, recognize signs of grooming, understand appropriate boundaries, and report. We believe prevention, education, and training are critical to culture change.

#### **Organizational accountability and transparency**

We develop athlete safety policies and best practices for the USOPC and more than 50 NGBs, representing between 13 and 18 million participants. The Center also holds the USOPC and every NGB accountable for these policies through a comprehensive audit and compliance program.

#### **Individual accountability**

We thoroughly investigate allegations of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse and misconduct and prohibit those who have perpetrated abuse from participating in Olympic and Paralympic sport.