

INTRODUCING THE U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT



LAUNCH & PURPOSE

We are pleased to announce the U.S. Center for SafeSport, located in Denver, Colorado, will open in March 2017. Through its abuse prevention and response programming, the Center seeks to enable every athlete to thrive by fostering a national sport culture of respect and safety, on and off the playing field.

Specifically, the Center will provide education and prevention resources related to:

- Emotional misconduct
- Physical misconduct
- Sexual misconduct
- Bullying
- Hazing
- Harassment



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

The Center's Education and Outreach Office will administer national prevention programming, raise issue awareness, and provide resources and training to promote respect and prevent abuse.

- The Center will provide education materials, including talking points, fact sheets, brochures and training materials, and will centralize best practices.
- The Center will offer sport organizations easy access to educational opportunities for their coaches, staff, volunteers, parents and athletes.

THE SAFESPORT CODE

The SafeSport Code outlines prohibited conduct related to emotional, physical and sexual misconduct. There is no statute of limitations on possible violations of the SafeSport Code, and alleged violations need not have occurred in the context of sport.





RESPONSE AND RESOLUTION

The Center's Response and Resolution Office will investigate and resolve alleged policy violations of the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement's 47 member National Governing Bodies, including USA Hockey.

- The SafeSport Code identifies prohibited conduct and serves as the benchmark by which the Center determines whether or not a policy violation has occurred.
- Aggregate data from Center investigations will be used to identify trends and patterns across sport, strengthening national prevention efforts.

JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

The Center has jurisdiction over Covered Individuals.

These are persons:

- Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Hockey
- USA Hockey or the USOC authorizes, approves or appoints to a position of authority over athletes or who will have frequent contact with athletes
- Identified by USA Hockey as being within the Center's jurisdiction

The Center will have the exclusive authority to investigate and resolve alleged SafeSport Code violations involving sexual misconduct. USA Hockey will retain the authority to investigate and resolve alleged SafeSport Code violations that are non-sexual in nature. Although, at USA Hockey's request, the Center may exercise the discretionary authority to take on cases of this nature.

USA Hockey is excited to utilize the Center's services and will provide additional information in the coming weeks.

