

INTRODUCING THE U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT



LAUNCH AND PURPOSE

We are pleased to announce the U.S. Center for SafeSport, located in Denver, Colo., will open in early 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

The Center has two offices:

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

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 SafeSport Learning 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 and applies without regard to age, race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or competitive level. 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 OFFICE

The Center's Response & Resolution Office will investigate and resolve alleged policy violations for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements' 47 member National Governing Bodies, including the United States Bowling Congress.

- The SafeSport Code 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 disciplinary jurisdiction over all Covered Individual as defined by USBC in its bylaws and Association Policy Manual.

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

USBC is excited to partner with the Center and will provide additional information in the coming months as a follow-up to this announcement.