



SafeSport Update 2018-19



WHO WE ARE



WHY SAFESPORT? A REFRESHER.....

- Adopting and following a SafeSport Program is expected in our culture and from our Members to keep athletes safe.
- SafeSport prevents known offenders from joining our program and discourages offenders that have not yet been caught.
- To protect the reputations of USA Hockey, its Affiliates and local programs as organizations that are safe from abuse.
- To prevent negligence (through education, awareness and training) and help insulate USA Hockey, its affiliates, local programs and volunteers from liability.

And now, it's the Law.....

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY? (2018)

- Incidents in other NGB's and youth sports organizations led to the *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017*
- How the law impacts NGB's:
 - **Mandatory Reporting** of child physical and sexual abuse – is Federal law
 - **Who is a Mandatory Reporter?**
 - *all adults with access to minor athletes in a youth sports organization*
 - *Federal law, regardless of state law*
 - **Penalties** for non-reporting are both : State/Civil and Federal/Criminal
 - **Required SafeSport Training** will change:
 - *Frequency will increase*
 - *Content will increase*
 - *Parent and Youth Training will be mandatory*
 - **Federal oversight** of the USOC
 - **The USCSS will investigate** all claims of child sexual abuse, and will vet all claims of child physical abuse

FAQ: Does this impact house or rec programs? Yes. Any program that requires USAH registration of their members is required to follow all SafeSport rules – it's part of the law.

HOW ELSE DOES THE LAW AFFECT US?

- **Mandatory Reporting of Sexual and Physical Abuse Incidents:**
 - Must report all known, suspected or reported incidents of **child physical and sexual abuse** to both the U.S. Center for SafeSport (USCSS) and to local law enforcement
 - Must report within 24 hours of having the knowledge.....
Don't question it, don't investigate it – report it.

- **Reporting of SafeSport incidents that are **not** physical or sexual abuse:**
 - Report through the existing normal channels and processes

- **Program Reporting of SafeSport Activity:**
 - All SafeSport claims and activity must be reported to the State Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator – **ALL cases**. Big, small - ALL cases must be reported.
 - All programs and all affiliates are now subject to random audits of reported SafeSport activity by the USSCS.
 - State affiliates will now have to maintain records on all SafeSport investigations that includes specific required information to be documented and reported (templates will be available).

REPORTING STRUCTURE

SUSPECTED INSTANCES OF CHILD PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call CPS or local law enforcement (contact information available on the CAHA SafeSport Webpage)
2. Notify the U.S. Center for SafeSport:
Telephone: 720-524-5640
Online: SafeSport.org (online reports are accepted 24 hours a day)
1. Notify your Club/Program Manager, and/or your Club/Program SafeSport Coordinator
2. Notify the CAHA SafeSport Coordinator: cahajaime@gmail.com

Note: The U.S. Center for SafeSport is only contacted for reports of physical and sexual abuse. In some cases, the Center will refer reports of physical abuse back to USA Hockey for further investigation and resolution.

Don't
question
it.....
**REPORT
IT!**

ALL OTHER SAFESPORT VIOLATIONS (NOT INCLUDING PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE):

1. Notify your Club/Program SafeSport Coordinator, OR
2. Notify your Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator, OR
3. File a report online with USA Hockey:
<https://www.usahockey.com/makingareport>

Remember: ALL SafeSport activity in ALL member organizations must be reported the State Affiliate!

WHAT HAPPENS IF.....

Coach: I think a player is being sexually abused but I don't want to report it, this isn't in my wheel house.....I will just tell the manager and let her deal with it.

What happens if I don't report it?

President: I don't think we need to report this one to the state affiliate, we don't even know if it's really "SafeSport". **Let's just let it go, don't keep any of the records.....**

I'm a team manager. We have a dad who consistently berates and hits his 10 year old after practice and games for his performance. I don't want to report this because I think it's cultural. Do I still have to report if I think it's normal for them?

What happens if I don't report it?

This SafeSport, mandatory reporter stuff is bogus. I'm a volunteer locker room monitor. No one is going to fine me or put me in jail for not reporting something. I dare them! I don't get paid enough for this.

Surely the government gets that we are just volunteers.....

Zamboni driver: I've been thinking about this for awhile now. There's a coach who always corners the same player in the locker room after every practice and game, then he takes him home. I never see the kid with parents. The kid won't make eye contact with anyone anymore. I don't have a good feeling about this but it's not my business. **Besides, I'm just a rink employee, I don't have to tell anyone; I'm not part of their Club....**

THIS IS A LOT OF CHANGE. WHERE ARE THE RESOURCES?

The Pacific District SafeSport Webpage has numerous resources posted to help understand the new law and requirements:

- Reporting: who to report to, and how to do it
- What the law says, and how to comply
- Mandatory reporting: Who it applies to, and how to comply
- FAQ on SafeSport – *is it SafeSport?* What to look for
- Cheat Sheets on: Coaches, Bullying, Locker Rooms and Chirping
- The SafeSport Handbook
- Contact information on who can help you!

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Get to know your state affiliate SafeSport Coordinator!



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QUESTIONS?