

What is SafeSport?

SafeSport is the Olympic community's initiative to recognize, reduce and respond to misconduct in sport. The six primary types of misconduct are

- Bullying
- Harassment
- Hazing
- Emotional Misconduct
- Physical Misconduct, and
- Sexual Misconduct, including Child Sexual Abuse

Why SafeSport?

Sport provides athletes with an opportunity to perform – on *and* off the field. Unfortunately, sport can also be a high-risk environment for misconduct and abuse. For example, studies indicate that **as many as one in eight athletes will be sexually abused** within their sport. Misconduct is a critical issue in sport, and one which we all need a game plan to prevent.

Who is SafeSport for?

We all play a role in reducing misconduct and abuse and sport. SafeSport provides resources for all members of the sport community – organizations, coaches, parents and athletes – to understand what misconduct is, implement ways to reduce it and identify plans to respond to it.

As a community, we have an opportunity to be part of the SafeSport solution. Start now by visiting www.safesport.org.

Below are a few links to other websites that may be of interest:

www.Safe4Athletes.org Our Mission: Advocate for athlete welfare where every athlete is provided a safe and positive environment free of sexual abuse, bullying and harassment.

www.Momsteam.com Sport Parenting News and Tips

www.childhelp.org US Dept. of Health & Human Services