

#### **USEF Safe Sport Briefing Sheet: Staff, Volunteers, Vendors, Media, Service Providers**

Thank you for participating at our competition. We want a successful and safe event for all trainers, athletes, owners, and participants. If you have any questions about the competition, please contact us at any time.

The USEF Safe Sport program is USEF's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its participants. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP)), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries, and mandatory reporting of violations.

Please be aware of the following:

1. The MAAPP prohibits you from having a one-on-one interaction with a minor athlete that is not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult.
2. If you see any suspicious behavior, report it to a competition official or Competition Management.
3. Rubdowns, massages, and athletic training modalities are not allowed except by a licensed massage therapist or other certified professional. Trainers and Coaches cannot perform massages, rubdowns, or athletic training modalities – this includes stretching. Any rubdown, massage or athletic training modality performed at the venue by a licensed professional must be conducted in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult and must never be done with only the athlete and licensed massage therapist in the room.
4. Individuals suspended or permanently ineligible are not permitted on the showgrounds. If you recognize someone not permitted on the grounds, please report it to an official or Competition Management promptly.
5. If you see violations of the USEF Safe Sport Policy, including child abuse, or observe suspected child abuse, you must report this to the appropriate authorities, U.S. Center for SafeSport, and the Federation. Violations of MAAPP should be reported to the Federation.

USEF Rules and Regulations require that, pursuant to federal law, it is every participant's responsibility to immediately (e.g., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to the authorities and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 720-531-0340 or online at [www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern). Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency. Use <https://www.childwelfare.gov/> for mandated reporting requirements in your area.