

USEF Safe Sport Briefing Sheet: Officials

Thank you for officiating 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.

Several reminders to ensure everyone can have a great experience at this competition:

1. 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), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries, and mandatory reporting of violations.
2. 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.
3. No cameras or other recording devices are allowed in changing areas. If you witness someone recording, ask the individual to stop and report the violation to the Federation.
4. 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.
5. Individuals suspended or permanently ineligible are not permitted on the showgrounds. If one is in attendance, they must be removed. Violators must be reported to the Federation.
6. 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. 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.