



# USA Shooting's Reporting Policy

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to outline the Reporting Policy that USA Shooting members, coaches, partners, affiliates, athletes, and constituents follow when reporting abuse or misconduct that violates the SafeSport code or behavior that violates the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP).

## **EXPLANATION OF SAFESPORT CODE AND VIOLATIONS**

The SafeSport code establishes applicable procedures for reporting, investigating, and resolving alleged misconduct as set forth in the Code (<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/response-and-resolution/safesport-code/>). Violations of the SafeSport code include, but is not limited to, sexual, physical and emotional misconduct or abuse.

## **EXPLANATION OF MAAPP AND VIOLATIONS**

The MAAPP was established by the US Center for SafeSport as a prevention strategy to keep minor athletes safe by limiting one-on-one interactions between adults and minors, providing abuse prevention training for certain adults, and promoting environments in which misconduct is less likely to occur. More information about the MAAPP and the actual policy can be found on the US Center for SafeSport website. (<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/training-and-education/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policies/>) It is important to familiarize yourself with the MAAPP, so that identification of a violation is possible. The US Center for SafeSport has exclusive jurisdiction over cases of a sexual nature and cases that can potentially present a conflict of interest within USA Shooting. All other cases are initially deemed under the jurisdiction of USA Shooting.

## **REPORTING POLICY**

### *SafeSport Code & MAAPP Violations*

When a violation of sexual, physical, and/or emotional misconduct or abuse is learned of or observed, it needs to be reported immediately to the US Center for SafeSport and/or local authorities. To report the violation, please visit the US Center for SafeSport website (<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>). You can fill out the online form or call 866-200-0796 to report. You'll be prompted to answer the necessary information.

MAAPP violations and SafeSport violations that do not involve sexual, physical, and/or emotional misconduct or abuse can be reported directly to the US Center for SafeSport and/or to USA Shooting by emailing [safesport@usashooting.org](mailto:safesport@usashooting.org) and providing the following details:

- Your contact information
- Identification information of the violator
- Identification information of the club, organization, or entity
- Explanation of the MAAPP violation, including approximate timeline

## **FOLLOWING A REPORT**

The US Center for SafeSport & USA Shooting will extensively investigate each case within their respective jurisdictions. It is possible that you may be contacted for additional information or clarification regarding your initial report.

If you have any questions, please contact USA Shooting at [safesport@usashooting.org](mailto:safesport@usashooting.org) for more information.