

Generous Grant Will Provide Abuse-Prevention Education for Young Athletes

U.S. Center for SafeSport Expands Education Initiative with Support from The Foundation for Global Sports Development



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[The U.S. Center for SafeSport](#), a national nonprofit focused on ending all forms of physical, emotional and sexual abuse in sport, is the recipient of a \$200,000 grant from [The Foundation for Global Sports Development](#) (GSD), a nonprofit that creates and supports programs promoting sportsmanship, education, fair play and ethics for children around the world. The grant will fund a project focused on helping parents, coaches, and clubs communicate with young athletes about emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

“The generosity of GSD is allowing SafeSport to expand our education capabilities to reach one of our critical audiences—youth,” said Shellie Pfohl, CEO of the U.S. Center for SafeSport. “All athletes deserve to participate in an abuse-free environment and this project will take us one step closer to achieving prevention through education.”

With the GSD grant, The Center will develop a robust, downloadable online curriculum, printable resources, age-appropriate training videos, and educational toolkits to help parents, coaches and sport administrators communicate with their athletes.

“Promoting the safety and well-being of young athletes is at the core of everything we do at GSD”, said GSD Executive Board Member and President, David Ulich. “For this reason, we wholeheartedly support SafeSport and its goal to educate families, athletes, coaches, and administrators.”

Resources will be rolled out and developed over a period of 6 to 8 months and will be available on the Center’s online portal at www.safesport.org.

“For many years, GSD has worked to end the abuse of children and young athletes,” said GSD Executive Board Member and Vice President, Dr. Steven Ungerleider. “We are pleased to see SafeSport joining in this fight, and we are proud to support their educational platform.”

In addition to the \$200,000 grant, GSD will support an education symposium, furthering the work of the Center and bringing together key stakeholders in the sports industry.

“Prevention starts with education,” said Frank Marshall, chairman of the U.S. Center for SafeSport. “We are thankful to GSD for enabling us to undertake the important task of educating young athletes.”

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About the U.S. Center for SafeSport

The Center is the first and only national organization of its kind focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport. As an independent non-profit headquarter in Denver, CO, the Center provides consultation to sport entities on prevention techniques and policies, while developing best practices and educational programs focused on promoting athlete wellbeing and putting an end to emotional and physical abuse in sports. The Center also provides a safe, professional and confidential place for individuals to report sexual abuse within the US Olympic and Paralympic Movements.

About the Foundation for Global Sports Development

Working closely with international sports federations, generous donors and committed athletes, The Foundation for Global Sports Development promotes sportsmanship, education, fair play and ethics among the world's youth. The Foundation gives special emphasis to groups and communities that are most in need or most underserved by current programs, including women, minorities and youth in areas where the risk of delinquency is particularly high. Visit www.globalsportsdevelopment.org to learn more.

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