In February 2018, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 was signed into law. Among the provisions in the law was Congressional authorization for the U.S. Center for SafeSport to ensure athletes could report allegations of abuse to an independent entity for investigation and resolution. The Center works with National Governing Bodies (NGBs), including US Equestrian and other Olympic disciplines, to enforce the SafeSport Code as well as the federal Safe Sport Act, both of which are aimed at protecting athletes from abuse. The Center ensures all NGBs follow the strictest standards for child abuse prevention and detection.

Within 24 hours of learning of suspected or alleged sexual misconduct, USEF members must make a report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and local authorities if a minor is involved. Reports to the Center can be made electronically through the Center’s website at uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Individuals should not investigate or attempt to evaluate the credibility or validity of allegations involving sexual misconduct; the Center’s response and resolution processes, as well as its FBI-trained investigators, will investigate. Further, if you are made aware that a banned or suspended individual is on event grounds, immediately report to competition management so the person can be removed.

USEF is committed to working with members around these issues and ensuring everyone understands the role they play in creating a safe environment for our competitors. The USEF website features a number of resources to help members maintain a culture that does not tolerate abuse. Our representatives are available to answer questions and clarify misconceptions. Ultimately, we are all on the same team, working to keep our members safe and striving to be part of the solution.