



NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Message from the National Wheelchair Basketball Association:

As you prepare for the upcoming NWBA 2024 Championships we want to remind you that safety is of the utmost importance to the NWBA. In an effort to continue our commitment to providing a sport community where participants can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct, it is critical that you review the Policies and reporting protocol listed below and understand the requirements. **As an Adult Participant and/or a potential participant at this event, these policies apply to you, and you must abide by them.** Below you will find some important highlights; however, it is important for you to review the policies thoroughly (linked below).

Policies

Below you will find links to the SafeSport Code, Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) and NWBA Policies and Procedures (which includes the Code of Conduct). Participants are required to be familiar with and comply with these Policies. The MAAPP is a collection of prevention and training policies that bind adult participants and organizations in the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement, and establishes clear requirements for interactions between Adult Participants and Minor Athletes. Minor Athletes, and their parent/legal guardian, should also be familiar with the MAAPP.

- Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP): <https://www.nwba.org/safesport> (select the 'Policies' tab)
- U.S. Center for SafeSport's [SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement](#) (SafeSport Code)
- NWBA Policies and Procedures: <https://www.nwba.org/aboutpoliciesprocedures>

Prohibited Conduct

All Participants at this event are expected to refrain from engaging in Prohibited Conduct as defined in the Policies noted above. Prohibited Conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Sexual misconduct
- Child abuse
- Emotional misconduct
- Physical misconduct
- Bullying
- Harassment
- Hazing
- Violations of the NWBA MAAPP

Reporting Requirements

All individuals, regardless of membership with the NWBA, are encouraged to report SafeSport alleged violations. All Adult Participants are REQUIRED to report SafeSport alleged violations. Report to The Center (see details below) if you have reasonable suspicion of sexual misconduct or harassment, child abuse (including child sexual abuse), or intimate relationships involving an imbalance of power. The Center also accepts reports of emotional and physical misconduct (including but not limited to bullying, hazing, stalking, and harassment) within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. Reports of emotional and physical misconduct can also be reported directly to the NWBA (see details below). Individuals should not attempt to conduct their own investigation. There are no fees for filing a SafeSport report with the U.S. Center for SafeSport or the NWBA. Please use the links below to report an allegation of Prohibited Conduct and/or to review the protocol for reporting all concerns involving alleged or suspected sexual misconduct, physical misconduct, emotional misconduct, or violations of the MAAPP.



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- Report a SafeSport alleged violation to the U.S. Center for SafeSport: Call 833-5US-SAFE (587-7233) or visit: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>
- Report a SafeSport alleged violation to the NWBA:
https://nwba.sportngin.com/register/form/554827672#_ga=2.185092143.780230403.1645117505-172756372.1641828564
- Reporting additional details: <https://www.nwba.org/safesport> (select the 'Reporting' tab)

Training Requirements

Adult Participants required to complete Training are outlined in the [Education & Training Policy \(A.1\) of the MAAPP](#). Adult Participants and all participants at this event should contact the NWBA at tina@nwba.org if there is a question about who is required to complete SafeSport Training. *Only Adult Participants who have completed Training and are compliant with the NWBA will show on an active Team Roster and/or Non-Team Affiliated List on the NWBA website. These individuals are the only individuals eligible to participate in NWBA activities.*

Training Opportunities

Trainings are available for Minor Athletes and Parents/Legal Guardians--these are not mandatory, but highly encouraged. Additional information can be found by visiting: <https://www.nwba.org/safesport> (select the 'Resources' tab)

If you have any questions after reviewing these Policies or protocol, please contact Tina Cain, NWBA Business and Compliance Manager: tina@nwba.org or the NWBA Ethics Committee: [Management and Leadership Teams](#) (select the 'Ethics Committee' tab).

Thank you for helping us in this effort to drive an organization-wide culture of safety and compliance.