Welcome to the inaugural USA Cycling SafeSport Newsletter, which includes an overview of recent developments in the SafeSport movement – both general and specific to USA Cycling.

**SafeSport Education and Training**

Thank you to everyone who has completed SafeSport training. You are now “SafeSport Trained!” We understand that the deadline for completion was short and that identifying “Applicable Adults” (as defined in USA Cycling’s SafeSport Education Policy) is not necessarily straightforward, but this training is a critical component of ensuring a safe environment for everyone in cycling and we are thankful for your engagement. **At this point, all Applicable Adults should have completed the training.** If your Club or Local Association still have people that need to complete it, please remind them to do so swiftly.

As of June 23, 2019, SafeSport training is now valid for **12 months** rather than two years. So, those who completed the training in 2018 will need to complete the Refresher course by January 1, 2020. This can be accessed by logging back in to your SafeSport account.

**USA Cycling SafeSport Website**

I am pleased to announce that our revamped SafeSport webpage is now live and provides a range of resources designed to help establish and maintain a safe sport environment. Information and resources are categorized for specific groups, including: athletes, parents, coaches, and LAs & Clubs. Please visit these pages to download and disseminate the various resources. As you review and utilize the materials, if you think anything is missing or have any questions, please let me know. I will continue to develop new tools and resources and add them to the website as they become available so check back regularly!

The updated webpage includes direct links for reporting misconduct and also outlines the specific types of misconduct that should be reported. Importantly, every USA Cycling member can – and should – report suspected and known misconduct. This includes sexual misconduct, physical misconduct, harassment and bullying. We cannot address or prevent behavior that we do not know about so please take responsibility for reporting potential policy violations.

**New SafeSport training courses have launched!**

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (The Center) has now launched their age-specific training courses, including the following:

- SafeSport training for Parents
- High School
- Middle School
- Grades 3-5
- Grades K-2
- Preschool

The trainings are free and are designed to help initiate and enable conversation between parents/guardians and minor athletes in each specific age category. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources, which can each be found **here.**
U.S Center for SafeSport Webpage
On July 24th, The Center launched its new website, with a new URL: https://uscenterforsafesport.org/. The new website includes improved navigation, resources, and The Center’s reporting platform. USA Cycling’s webpage reflects these updates.

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)
The MAAPP went into effect June 23rd, 2019 and has implications for adult USA Cycling members who engage with minors. We appreciate that the MAAPP may require that adjustments be made to the way some programs, clubs and teams are run, and we are here to help answer any questions you may have and provide the support necessary to ensure that you are satisfying the MAAPP. We have also created resources designed to help explain the MAAPP, including downloadable infographics and policy explanation documents, which can be found on the updated USA Cycling SafeSport webpage.

Looking ahead
In future SafeSport newsletters I would like to highlight how USA cycling members (e.g., clubs, teams, races) are promoting and sharing the SafeSport message. If you would like to share your experiences please contact me! I would also appreciate you sending me any suggestions/requests regarding how USA Cycling can better support our membership in establishing and promoting a safe sport environment. I am here to help you succeed in this space!

In the past month, the Borders Commission and Senate Olympics Investigation reports were released, each containing recommendations for improving safe sport efforts within the structure of Olympic and Paralympic sport in the United States. If and how the reports will impact the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and, in turn, USA Cycling, is yet to be determined but we will be closely following developments in this area and will do our best to keep you informed and provide fair warning of any implications that may ensue.

That is all for now! Thank you again for your commitment to ensuring a safe sport environment for all who partake in cycling. We all have a role to play in this pursuit and I am committed to helping you in any way that I can. Keep an eye out for the next quarterly newsletter!

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