

Abuse-Free Sport Webinar Series 2022

Background

In July 2021, the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (“Centre”) was granted the mandate, by the Government of Canada, to implement and administer the [Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport](#) (“UCCMS”) at the national level. On June 20, 2022, the [Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner](#) (“OSIC”) launched its first phase of operations and Canada’s new independent safe sport mechanism became [Abuse-Free Sport](#).

Abuse-Free Sport Webinar Series Overview

The OSIC, in collaboration with the Centre, will be hosting a five-part Abuse-Free Sport Webinar Series (“Series”) which will include two (2) conversations with the Sport Integrity Commissioner (“Commissioner”) and three (3) webinars. The Series aims to extend dialogue between the Commissioner and the Canadian sport community by providing information and welcoming commentary on aspects of the Abuse-Free Sport program.

For any questions, please contact education@crdsc-sdrcc.ca.

PART 1

Opening Conversation with the Commissioner

OPEN TO ALL, but this conversation will be geared towards members of the national sport community (athletes, coaches, administrators, staff members, volunteers, etc.). Registration required.

Host: Sarah-Ève Pelletier (Sport Integrity Commissioner)

Date: September 15, 2022 (Bilingual) @ 12:00 p.m. (EDT)

During this first conversation of the Series, the Commissioner will invite dialogue and contribution from participants in relation to important aspects of the OSIC mandate. Also, participants will be invited to make suggestions regarding priority topics and questions to be addressed during webinars #2 and #3 of the Abuse-Free Sport Webinar Series.

PART 2

Webinar #1: What is the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS)?

OPEN TO ALL.

Presenter: Kirsten Whelan (OSIC Program Manager)

Date: September 28, 2022 (English) and September 29, 2022 (French) @ 12:00 p.m. (EDT)

The UCCMS is the core document that sets harmonized rules to be adopted by federally-funded sport organizations in order to foster a respectful sport culture to deliver quality, inclusive, accessible, welcoming and safe sport experiences.

The UCCMS addresses:

- common principles and a commitment to advance a respectful sport culture;
- standard definitions of various forms of maltreatment, including grooming, neglect, and physical, sexual, and psychological abuse;

- a list of other prohibited behavior such as retaliation, failure to report maltreatment, intentionally filing false allegations, misuse of power, etc.; and
- a framework for determining appropriate sanctions against such prohibited behavior.

During the first webinar of our series, the OSIC team will give an overview of the UCCMS and summarize the changes seen in the updated version 6.0.

PART 3
Webinar #2: Education and Prevention
OPEN TO ALL.

Presenter(s): Kevin Farrell (Education & Policy Support) & Liddia Touch Kol (Resource Centre Manager)
Date: October 26, 2022 (English) and October 27, 2022 (French) @ 12:00 p.m. (EDT)

Education and prevention efforts are without a doubt, the cornerstone of curbing abuse and harassment in sport. Abuse-Free Sport plans to provide access to a wide range of resources. During part three of the Abuse-Free Sport Webinar Series, we will discuss the role of education and prevention in advancing safe sport in Canada through different initiatives such as the Education Accreditation Program and the Research Grant Program. The goal is to further our knowledge of safe sport and contribute to safe, positive and enriching sport experiences for all participants - no matter the sport, the level, or the role.

PART 4
Webinar #3: Addressing a maltreatment or discrimination concern
OPEN TO ALL.

Presenter: Sarah Atkinson (Director of Investigations & Assessments)
Date: November 30, 2022 (English) and December 1, 2022 (French) @ 12:00 p.m. (EST)

This session will provide an overview of:

- what to do when something either happens to you, is witnessed by you or is reported/disclosed to you;
- the UCCMS Reporting Obligations and the legal duty to report; and
- the difference between a “report” and “complaint” for purposes of OSIC intake.

It will highlight typical questions of jurisdiction that determine whether a possible complaint/report would proceed under the OSIC versus another independent third party (ITP). Moreover, if it doesn't proceed under the OSIC, information will be provided about the OSIC's approach to referring a matter outside its jurisdiction. Finally, the session will touch on principles/best practices in addressing a maltreatment or discrimination concern.

To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8CV9HMQ>

PART 5
Closing Conversation with the Commissioner

OPEN TO ALL, but this conversation will be geared towards members of the national sport community (athletes, coaches, administrators, staff members, volunteers, etc.). Registration required.

Host: Sarah-Ève Pelletier (Sport Integrity Commissioner)

Date: December 14, 2022 (Bilingual) @ 12:00 p.m. (EST)

The Closing Conversation with the Commissioner will be used as an opportunity to reflect on lessons learned through our dialogue with the Canadian sport community and through the webinars presented.

To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PQGJ6Z>