

LOCAL AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION (LAO)

A regional, state, or local club or organization that is directly affiliated with an NGB or that is affiliated with an NGB by its direct affiliation with a regional or state affiliate of said NGB. LAO does not include a regional, state, or local club or organization that is only a member of a National Member Organization of an NGB.

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY (NGB)

A U.S. Olympic National Governing Body, Pan American Sport Organization, or Paralympic Sport Organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. §§ 220501, et seq. This definition shall also apply to the USOPC, or other sports entity approved by the USOPC, when they have assumed responsibility for the management or governance of a sport included on the program of the Olympic, Paralympic, or Pan-American Games.

PARALYMPIC SPORT ORGANIZATION (PSO)

An amateur sports organization recognized and certified as an NGB by the USOPC.

PARTICIPANT

Any individual who is, or is seeking to be:

- A member or license-holder of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or the USOPC;
- An employee or board member of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or the USOPC;
- Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or the USOPC;
- Authorized, approved, or appointed by an NGB, PSO, LAO, or the USOPC to have regular contact with or authority over Minor Athletes.

An Adult Participant is an individual age 18 or older who meets these criteria.

SAFESPORT CODE

A policy that defines the U.S. Center for SafeSport's authority and jurisdiction, prohibited categories of abuse and misconduct, and the Center's process for responding to and resolving abuse and misconduct claims affecting the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Conduct that includes but is not limited to Sexual or Gender-related Harassment, Nonconsensual Sexual Contact or Intercourse, Sexual Exploitation, Sexualized Bullying or Hazing, or Other Inappropriate Conduct of a Sexual Nature. For full definition, see page 9 of the SafeSport Code.

U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (USOPC)

A federally chartered nonprofit corporation that serves as the National Olympic Committee and National Paralympic Committee for the United States.