



Sport – respect your rights

Safe Sport International:

And end to violence against athletes?

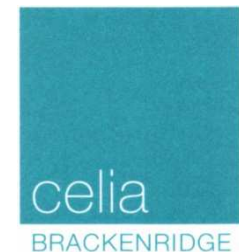


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Origins

- Increased awareness of non-accidental harm to athletes caused by types of violence
- Increasingly strong base of research evidence
- Many new policy initiatives
- Many different education and training courses
- Some national agencies e.g. UK, USA, Australia
- Growing demand for sport to be safe for all
- Time to coordinate internationally!

The particular case of children

- Athletes under 18 yrs are children first and athletes second
- They have rights under the UN CRC
- They deserve special care, regardless of sport level
- Sport often used as a tool of development, social repair or learning
- Sport claims educational benefits and high moral values – it must therefore take care of children
- International child safeguards in sport are now available

International Working Group (2014) *International Safeguards for Children in Sport*.
Finalised version prepared for the Beyond Sport Summit, October 30th 2014.
Available at: <http://www.sportanddev.org/en/learnmore/safeguarding/>

Purpose of SSI

- Like a WADA for violence prevention
- A standards agency to quality assure safe sport
- Starting with a permissive approach (with support, education, and examples)
- Moving to a prescriptive approach where standards will be mandated for all international sport events
- This could take 10-15 years!

Who supports SSI?



Already endorsed by:

- Internat. Paralympic Committee
- Internat. Centre for Sport Security
- Internat. Association of Sport and PE and for Girls and Women
- Internat. Netball Federation
- Safe4Athletes (USA)
- Canadian Centre for Child Protection
- Caribbean Sport and Devt Agency
- MomsTeam (USA)
- UNICEF UK

Pending Board approval:

- American College of Sports Medicine
- Asian Federation of Sports Medicine
- Association for the Treatment of Abusers (USA)
- British Horseracing Association (UK)
- Childhood Brazil
- Commonwealth Games Federation
- Hong Hong Sports Institute (China)
- Keeping Children Safe
- Internat. Councils for Sport Science and PE
- Internat. Centre for Ethics in Sport
- Internat. Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
- Internat. Federation of Sports Medicine
- Internat. Rowing Federation
- Internat. Tennis Federation/WTA
- Internat. Triathlon Association
- and others ...

What can you do?

- Get your organisation to endorse the D&P
- Circulate the D&P
- Pressure your networks to endorse it
- Follow up the action points from this event
- Commission research, monitoring and evaluation of all your work in the area

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