

USA Volleyball Safe Sport Script for Officials

- 1.) All officials should know the concepts of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

-All interactions with Minor Athletes must be Observable and interruptible

An official should not be speaking behind closed doors (conference room, hotel room, etc.) with Minors without a second adult participant or a parent present.

- 2.) Officials should not share or post videos of Minor Athletes on personal social media accounts unless proper parental consent has been given. Many people enjoy sharing their life on social media, but we must remember the role of an official is one who has power and control over minor athletes. Do not share pictures with yourself and minor athletes or minor athletes alone on social media.

- 3.) Under the SafeSport Code officials are Mandatory Reporters of abuse and are required to report allegations of sexual abuse to the U.S. Center for SafeSport. All other forms of misconduct can be reported to USA Volleyball, such as bullying, hazing, harassment, physical abuse such as forcing an injured player to continue to play.

You have a SafeSport QR Code on the back of your credential which will take you to the online reporting form. Provide as much information as you can. This report is confidential.

****Do Not report allegations of abuse to your supervisor expecting him/her/them to report the allegations for you. You have a duty to report it yourself. Reports are often not filed because someone thought someone else was going to file it. Let's be proactive and make sure we are doing what we are supposed to do.**

****If someone reports allegations of misconduct to you, do not discuss it. Keep it confidential and let the U.S Center for SafeSport or USA Volleyball investigate.**

- 4.) Officials have power and authority over others and are held to higher standards. The Center has jurisdiction over you on duty and **off duty**. Officials can get in trouble for inappropriately touching others. Fist bumps and high fives are generally acceptable behavior. You should not hug someone if you do not already have a personal relationship with them or if you are in a supervisory role. Don't slap others' butts in front of fellow officials, spectators, or children, that conduct is unprofessional and will not be tolerated. We are here to have a safe and fun event.