



A Public Registry for Safe Sport Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

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The Abuse-Free Sport Registry (Registry) went live on March 28, 2024, following several months of research, analysis and design to ensure compliance with applicable laws, and particularly Canadian privacy laws. It is the first of its kind in Canada and among the first in the global sport community.

When Abuse-Free Sport, the new independent program responsible for upholding and administering the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS), launched in June 2022, one of its established objectives was to eventually publish a public registry.

A searchable database would be a key component of the enforcement of the UCCMS, with the code itself anticipating in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 the creation and publication of a searchable database or registry of persons whose eligibility to participate in sport has in some way been restricted.

Such a public registry is paramount to protect participants and deliver safer experiences in sport programs at all levels and in all contexts. It helps to reduce safety risks by providing another safeguarding against maltreatment tool to the general public, and it contributes to the deterrence and denunciation of maltreatment and helping prevent reoccurrence.

The Registry catalogues participants subject to the UCCMS whose eligibility is restricted due to provisional measures and/or sanctions imposed as part of, or as a result of, the Abuse-Free Sport complaint management process.

Provisional measures are restrictions or limitations placed upon a respondent alleged to have violated the UCCMS in order to protect sport participants from potential harm while the Abuse-Free Sport complaint process is ongoing. They may be issued by the Director of Sanctions and Outcomes (DSO) prior to any investigation being conducted or any decision being rendered about what occurred, and are based on unproven allegations.

Provisional measures are not sanctions and may take various forms, such as eligibility and contact restrictions, third-party monitoring and check-ins, for example.

Sanctions are imposed at the end of the complaint management process by the DSO upon finding that a violation of the UCCMS did occur. Examples of possible sanctions include temporary and permanent suspension, amongst others.

The Registry only contains information regarding respondents subject to eligibility restrictions and is not a comprehensive list of all individuals named in all reports received by the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC), nor does it include respondents subject to other types of sanctions and provisional measures, such as education and training.



The OSIC maintains the Registry in accordance with its mandate and applicable laws. It is routinely updated as provisional measures and sanctions are issued and/or finalized or completed.

With regard to minors or other vulnerable persons who may be subject to provisional measures and/or a sanction, the disclosure of their information on the Registry is considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the sensitivity of personal information and the need to carry out the objective of the UCCMS, in accordance with applicable laws.

Particular consideration is also given to foster the protection of the identity of individuals directly impacted by the UCCMS violation or other relevant third parties (such as those who experienced the behaviour directly).

Sport organizations, as well as individuals, across the country and internationally are encouraged to search the Registry and utilize this public tool to help make sport more welcoming, inclusive and safe—both in Canada and around the world.

The Abuse-Free Sport Registry and governing documents are accessible at the following link:

sportintegritycommissioner.ca/registry.