

# RESPONSE & RESOLUTION PROCESS

REPORTING AND INTAKE

**REPORT RECEIVED**

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OR ONLINE  
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report-a-concern

1. Is the alleged misconduct covered under the SafeSport Code? AND
2. Was the alleged misconduct committed by a participant within the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement?

NO

Center does not have jurisdiction; makes necessary referrals.

YES

<p><b>Alleged Sexual Misconduct</b> Center has exclusive jurisdiction, will address and resolve.</p>	<p><b>Alleged Emotional and Physical Misconduct</b> Center has discretionary jurisdiction, may address or may refer to relevant NGB for resolution.</p>	NO	NGB handles all other SafeSport Code violations.
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YES

**Intake process:** Preliminary information gathering and initial contact with involved parties. Temporary measures may also be imposed as necessary, and if so, Respondent may request an interim measures hearing at any time if it affects the opportunity to participate in sport.

INVESTIGATION

**REFERRED FOR FORMAL RESOLUTION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE:**  
Insufficient information to move forward

**INFORMAL RESOLUTION**

1. Assign a trained investigator.
2. Conducts interviews, gathers all relevant information and evidence.
3. Prepares formal investigation report for decision.

Respondent takes accountability for the misconduct, and works with Center to resolve.

RESOLUTION

**INVESTIGATION REPORT**

Committee reviews case and makes decision

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

If a sanction is assigned, the Respondent may request arbitration.

**ARBITRATION**

Center issues a Decision as to whether a violation of the SafeSport Code occurred, and if so, assigns a sanction.

Respondent and the Center present evidence to an independent arbitrator, who issues a final and binding decision.

**DECISION IS FINAL ✓**

*This chart is a simplified view of the Center's Response and Resolution Process, please refer to the full policies and SafeSport Code at [uscenterforsafesport.org](http://uscenterforsafesport.org).*