

VIA EMAIL

December 21, 2020

Attention: BC Soccer Full Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

From: Jason Elligott, Executive Director, BC Soccer

Re: Safe Sport Update and ViaSport Safe Sport Survey (action request)

Dear Full Members and Affiliated Clubs,

Over the last few years, safe sport has increased in priority for BC Soccer and will continue to be an important focus in both the short and long term as can be seen by Goal number 1 in [BC Soccer's 2024 Strategic Plan](#), "Soccer is Safe and Respectful."

ViaSport Survey (action request)

BC Soccer is committed to ensuring soccer is safe, which is done in part by working to support ViaSport in their goal of developing long-term solutions to confront and eradicate abuse and harassment in sport.

Since quarter 1 of 2020 and in alignment with [BC Soccer's Safe Sport Program Assessment Report Response & Plan, and specifically response to recommendation 10](#), I have been an active member of ViaSport's Safe Sport Program Advisory Committee. The committee has been focusing on establishing a Universal Code of Conduct for all sport in BC and ways to strengthen and centralize reporting that is complainant centric.

To support the committee work, ViaSport is currently seeking input from BC Soccer's Members and Affiliated Clubs to better understand the ways that various types of complaints are managed at the local level. BC Soccer kindly asks that each organization provide their feedback through one survey response via the link below.

ViaSport Safe Sport Survey: https://viasport.formstack.com/forms/soccer_iso_safe_sport_snapshot

BC Soccer's Safe Sport Position Statement

BC Soccer believes that everyone involved in soccer has the right to participate in safe and inclusive environments free of abuse, harassment, discrimination, and to enjoy the sport at whatever level or capacity they participate in. The welfare of everyone involved in soccer is the foremost consideration and in particular, the protection of children in the sport is the responsibility of everyone involved.

As a reminder, to support the position statement, and to ensure all those involved in soccer can easily access safe sport information, BC Soccer has a stand-alone portion of its website dedicated to Safe Sport and Risk Management Information. This page is homepage accessible via www.bcsoccer.net and specifically linked here: <https://bcsoccer.net/safe-sport-risk-management>. Please visit to see more on BC Soccer's Safe Sport updates and details.



Reminder - Safe Sport - Call to Action

Per the [September 2020 Memo](#), and with the aim of ensuring all involved in soccer are aware of how to report, BC Soccer requests that every member and affiliated club post the “Report Abuse” information on its website with the minimum expectation that the National Safe Sport Hotline information will be easily accessible. The information can be found here: <https://bcsoccer.net/safe-sport-risk-management>.

Safe Sport - Closing Comments

In our ongoing commitment to safe sport, BC Soccer will continually update and add information to its Safe Sport and Risk Management page as new resources and information is available.

We all have a responsibility to ensure soccer is safe in BC!

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CC: Charlene Krepiakevich, CEO, ViaSport British Columbia
BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff