



Safe Sport





BACKGROUND

The U SPORTS Board of Directors adopted the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) in November, 2022

U SPORTS continues its independent 3rd party relationship (Sport Law) that is available to respond to complaints through policies 90.20A and 90.20B

U SPORTS has continued dialogue with the four conferences to collaborate and stay up to date on programming initiatives within the conferences



U SPORTS RELATIONSHIP WITH SPORT CANADA AND ABUSE-FREE SPORT (OSIC)

U SPORTS has continued conversations with Sport Canada and Abuse-Free Sport

Sport Canada required all National Sport Organizations (NSOs) become program signatories with OSIC by March 31, 2023 as a condition of their Sport Canada Contribution agreements

NEW: (May 11, 2023) – Sport Canada requires all Multi-Sport Organizations (MSOs) become program signatories with OSIC by July 1, 2023 as a condition of their Sport Canada Contribution agreements





NEXT STEPS

U SPORTS has been working through the steps to prepare for signing as a program signatory under the OSIC Services Agreement.

U SPORTS Board approved motion to become program signatory on June 8, 2023

OSIC will become the 3rd party independent investigator when a situation arises that fits the criteria for investigation under the UCCMS

NOTE: OSIC still require our independent 3rd party process (Sport Law) for those cases that would not meet the UCCMS threshold requirements as determined by OSIC





U SPORTS AS A PROGRAM SIGNATORY TO ABUSE-FREE SPORT

To become a program signatory, U SPORTS must define who is covered through the relationship with OSIC (referred to as “the UCCMS Participant”)

Initially, for 2023-2024, the population for the UCCMS Participant will be U SPORTS staff, U SPORTS, Board of Directors, and U SPORTS Committee members





U SPORTS AS A PROGRAM SIGNATORY IN 2024-25

U SPORTS intends to have all those individuals **(student-athletes, team coaches and staff, technical officials, and event volunteers)** connected to our National Championships and FISU events included as “UCCMS Participants”

U SPORTS is creating plans for capturing consent from all parties listed above in U SPORTS Central

During this transition, all parties remain covered through our policies and our existing independent 3rd party relationship (Sport Law).





SAFE SPORT PROGRESS UPDATES