SSI Strategic Plan 2024-26

SAFE SPORT INTERNATIONAL

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, SAFE IN SPORT

Access to sport, physical activity and play is an essential part of human life.
However, abuse in sport happens.
It happens to children, young people, and adults.
Athletes, coaches, and officials at all levels are affected.
The global community must work together to put safe sport first.

CHANGE IS NEEDED

- **The increasing threat of online harm** through sport and esports requires more research in these areas to inform policies and practices.
- **A dominant global north narrative** distracts from valuing history and culture when establishing safe sport solutions in the global south and global east.
- **Athletes remain at risk due to insufficient focus on grassroots sport,** particularly in under-resourced settings.
- **Two tier safeguarding** means non-Olympic and minority sports may not be held to account.
- **We must protect the unique aspects of safeguarding** when multi-integrity organisations are involved. The battle against one issue such as doping, match-fixing, or corruption, should not jeopardise efforts in others.
- **Safe sport solutions must be suitable for local contexts** and information and resources available in local languages.
- **Resource hubs and inclusive communities of practice** are needed to ensure safeguarding knowledge and expertise from inside and outside sport is accessible to all.
- **Emergent safe sport entities must prioritise transparency and independence** so that athletes can trust their needs will come first.
- **Athlete voices must be embedded within sports organisations** to drive trauma-informed, safe and positive experiences for all.

Everyone has the right to enjoy sport in a safe and inclusive environment, free from harm. Our 2024-26 strategic plan is an ambitious call for the global community to work together to realise a vision of everyone, everywhere safe in sport.

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Chair, Safe Sport International

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THE GO-TO EXPERT BODY WITH GLOBAL REACH

Our Vision

Everyone, everywhere safe in sport.

Our Purpose

Safe Sport International is a leading non-profit committed to ending all forms of inter-personal violence, abuse and harassment in sports environments globally.

Our Approach

Guided by athlete voices, informed by research, inclusive and collaborative.

Our Strategic Pillars

A respected safe sport partner making a sustainable impact by:

DRIVING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN SAFE SPORT

We will drive international standards with a focus on International Safe Sport Principles and supporting organisations to meet the International Safeguards For Children and Adults In Sport.

FACILITATING GLOBAL NETWORKS & CONFERENCES IN SAFE SPORT

We will work with existing and new networks and partners to deliver leading conferences and enable the field to collaborate, share knowledge, and learn from others' experiences.

DEVELOPING SKILLED & SUPPORTED PEOPLE IN SAFEGUARDING

We will make the power of evidence-based sports safeguarding knowledge available on a global stage to build the capacity of national, regional, and international sports organisations.

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SSI STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-26 GOALS

Through 2024-26 SSI will work with key partners to:

- Foster collaborations and partnerships in safe sport.
- Increase impact and engagement with athlete voices in organisations.
- Assemble and enable sharing of research from within and outside sport and mentor early career researchers.
- Value diversity in safe sport solutions, including recognition of global south and east culture and history and the threat of online harm through sport.

Driving international standards in safe sport

- Update SSI International Safe Sport Principles
- Promote International Safeguards for Adults and Children
- Evaluate value of accreditation
- Engage youth athlete voices
- International Events Toolkit
- Provide keynotes, webinars

Facilitating global networks and conferences in safe sport

- Provide a global conference
- Build Safe Sport Connect
- Host focus area / local events
- Model the safe sport ecosystem

Developing skilled and supported people in safeguarding

- Make i-Protect more accessible
- Support through consultancy
- Provide think tank leadership
- Advance occupational pathways

Building a sustainable organisation

- Diversify sources of funding
- Grow as an organisation
- Champion the need and value of safe sporting environments for everyone, everywhere.