

SAFE SPORT AT COMPETITION VENUES

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We all play a role in creating a healthy culture that fosters safe sport practices and provides education and supports to athletes, coaches and all members of the equestrian sport community. We are thankful to those that report concerns to EC and follow the "see something, say something" procedure.

It is EC's priority to safeguard competition environments for all participants.

EC may suspend sport licence holders if they are under criminal investigation or investigation pursuant to EC's discipline process for allegations of misconduct. If there are pending criminal charges against a sport licence holder for allegations that would constitute maltreatment as defined in the UCCMS,¹ EC will suspend them, and that suspension remains effective at a minimum until criminal proceedings are completed.

Suspended individuals are not permitted to attend EC sanctioned events or participate in EC activities in any capacity. Show organizers may be alerted to individuals that are suspended and who are not permitted to be present at events. Additional supports can and may be provided to show organizers who require assistance should a suspended individual attend an EC event. EC encourages show organizers to review the list of suspended individuals posted on EC's website on a regular basis.

Reporting is an important part of maintaining safe sport environments. We understand when faced with a potentially difficult situation involving a safe sport complaint and / or suspended individual, there can be a variety of questions and heightened concerns. EC takes these situations very seriously and endeavors to do everything in its power to ensure the safety of its participants.

As it relates to an individual's business activities or associations, EC does not have the authority to enforce any embargoes nor to require athletes to refrain from bearing specific logos.

Information regarding suspended individuals violating any restrictions may be added to ongoing investigations or complaints. If you wish to report a suspended individual in attendance at an EC event, please contact the third party Complaints Manager at <u>complaints@sportdispute.com</u>.

The Complaint Manager is separate from EC and is responsible for overseeing EC's complaint processes.

EC encourages all reporting of information related to attendance of suspended individuals at EC events. However, to protect the confidentiality of ongoing discipline processes, we may be unable to provide reporters with any further details of these matters than is necessary to enforce a suspension, in accordance

¹ Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport



with our policies. Competitions that neglect to refuse entry to suspended individuals will receive a fine consistent with the Schedule of Fines and Penalties.