



# IOC CERTIFICATE: SAFEGUARDING OFFICER IN SPORT

## COURSE OVERVIEW

### COURSE AIMS

The IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport course aims to equip those involved in the safeguarding of athletes from harassment and abuse (non-accidental violence) in sport with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to fulfil the role of Safeguarding Officer/Focal Point for their sport organisation.

### OBJECTIVE

To establish a global community of practice with a recognised level of training, creating an international network of trained, highly skilled safeguarding officers in sport across the Olympic Movement.

### FOR

Those who have been appointed or will be appointed as safeguarding officers; serve as the focal point for safeguarding issues; or work in the field of sport integrity for national or international sports organisations – particularly National Olympic Committees (NOCs), International Federations (IFs) and National Federations (NFs).

### BACKGROUND

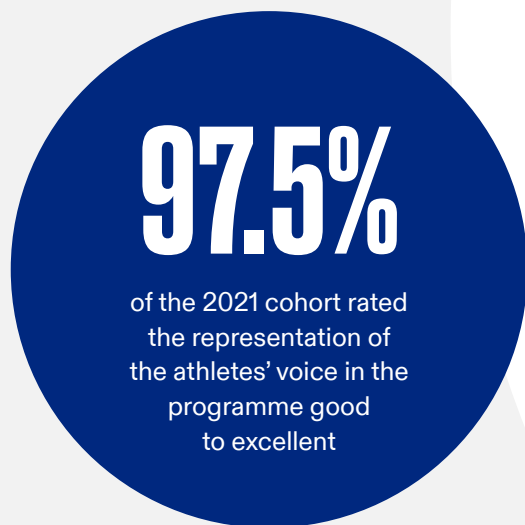
This course aligns with Recommendation 5 of Olympic Agenda 2020+5, “Further strengthen safe sport and the protection of clean Athletes” and reflects the IOCs commitment to: **“Strengthen safe sport/safeguarding across the Olympic Movement to protect the physical and mental well-being of athletes.”**



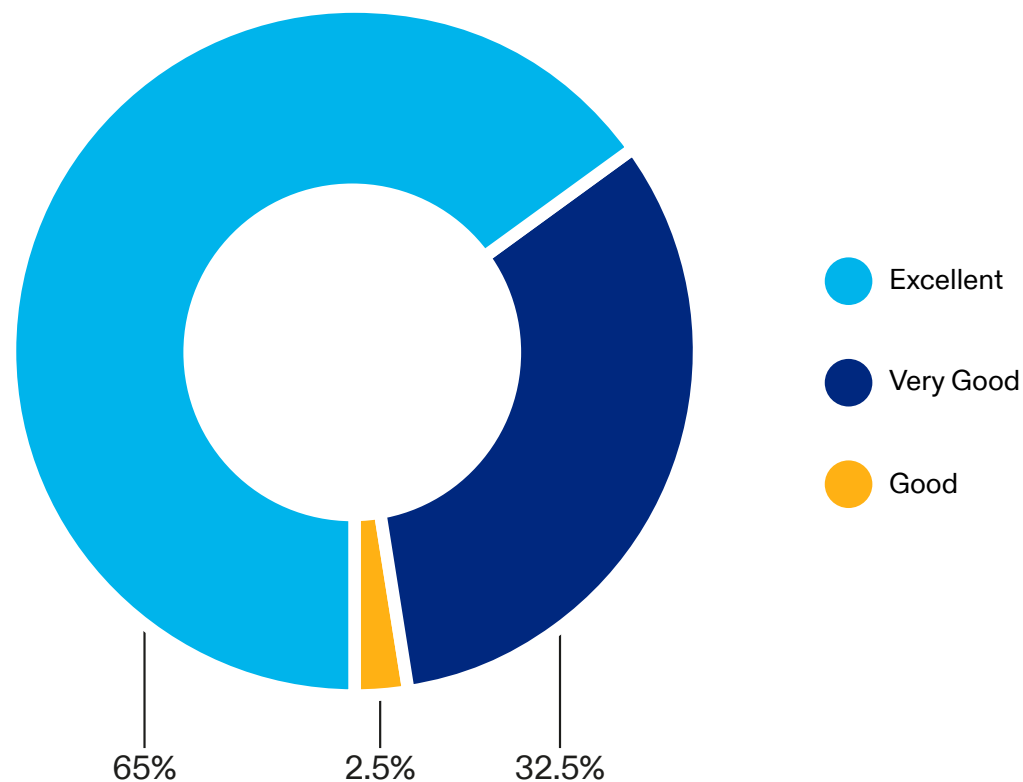
## BUILDING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP, EXPERT FACULTY, TRAUMA INFORMED & ATHLETE-CENTRED

The course is led by three programme directors who, together with an Academic Advisory Board of distinguished experts in the field, have developed an extensive curriculum presented by an international faculty of thought leaders, academics, practitioners, sports organisations, athletes and experts with lived experience.



## RATING IN ACADEMIC CONTENT



# TESTIMONIALS

“ THE COURSE HAS HELPED ME HAVE THE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE TO MAKE MY SPORT SAFER.

Carlotta Giussani  
European Olympic Committee



“ I CAN HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE COURSE IF YOU WANT TO BRING YOUR FEDERATION'S SAFEGUARDING EFFORTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL. BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT.

Sarah Fussek  
International Ski Federation Integrity Manager



“ THE COURSE HAS SHONE A BRIGHT LIGHT ON SAFE SPORT. IT TAKES A BRILLIANT APPROACH WITH THE RESEARCH AND HAS OFFERED A TREMENDOUS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

Gobinath Sivarajah  
National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka



# MODULE BREAKDOWN



Composed of seven learning modules, this remote learning course introduces participants to their crucial role in the prevention of and response to harassment and abuse in sport including significant contributions to the prioritisation of athlete well-being and safeguarding both within their organisation and at major sporting events.

## 1. Overview & Introduction to Safeguarding

- Core Concepts
- Impacts
- Prevalence
- The Athlete Perspective

## 2. Putting Safeguards in Place - International Human Rights Conventions; Statutory and Sport Legal and Policy Frameworks.

- International Human & Child Rights Frameworks
- International Sports Policy
- Athletes' Perceptions of their Rights in Sport
- Athlete Perspective Piece: The importance of leadership/buy-in at the top in creating safe sporting environments

## 3. Key Building Blocks in Preventing Non-accidental Violence

- Creating an athlete-centred, trauma informed safeguarding environment.
- Good governance, leadership and creating the culture
- Supporting networks, research, monitoring and evaluation
- Athlete Perspective Piece: Perspectives on how to inform athletes of their rights

## 4. Developing an Organisational Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Structures for Responding to Safeguarding Concerns

- Managing first response from a holistic organisational perspective
- Case management/Organisational roles and responsibilities
- Risk assessment & management – including practical, logistical & psychosocial support
- Athlete Perspective Piece: The importance of an athlete-centred approach in case management

## 5. Safeguarding Officer/Focal Point

- Education & training, communication, and stakeholder engagement
- Effective policy in practice & quality assurance
- Whistleblowing procedures, case response structures, trauma-informed learning and working with survivors
- Introduction to media management
- Creating a safeguarding team
- Athlete Perspective Piece: The role of the Safeguarding Officer

## 6. Safeguarding at Major Sporting Events (MSEs)

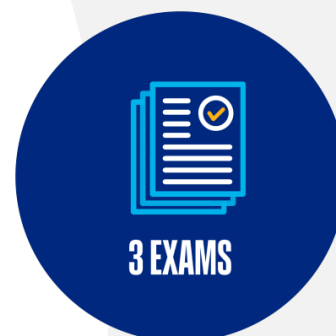
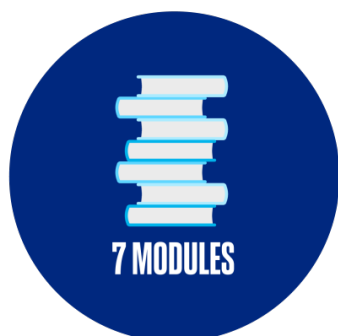
- A rights-based approach in the Major Sporting Event lifecycle
- Pre-event considerations
- Games-time safeguarding policies and procedures
- How the safeguarding environment links with other support personnel
- Safeguarding legacy beyond the event
- Athlete Perspective Piece: What a safe sport event means to me

## 7. Safeguarding Advice & Support

- Continuing professional development and quality assurance
- Bystanding behaviours and embedding safeguarding cultures
- Institutional inquiries and reviews
- Course Summary
- Athlete Perspective Piece: Advice & Support to Safeguarding Officers: The importance of self-care

# COURSE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

## THE COURSE IN NUMBERS



The course is run by sportsoracle, Ltd and is taught in English. A course fee of 1'650 GBP is payable to the course provider. Olympic Solidarity offers one scholarship per National Olympic Committee.

An IOC Certificate will be presented to students who successfully pass the course at a ceremony, held at the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Please note that this certificate indicates that the holder has received training and is not a qualification. It remains an employers' responsibility to assess suitability of the certificate holder for a safeguarding role.

## KEY DATES

- **31 July 2022:** Deadline to apply
- **1 September 2022:** Certificate course begins
- **April 2023:** Completion of course and final examination
- **September / October 2023:** Graduation ceremony

The complete list of application requirements may be found [here](#).

## OTHER SAFEGUARDING OFFICER IN SPORT COURSES INCLUDE:

- [FIFA Guardians Safeguarding in Sport](#)
- [NSPCC – Child protection in sport and physical education training](#)
- [LimeCulture – Lead Safeguarding Officer in Sport Development Programme](#)

# FEEDBACK FROM QUESTIONNAIRES

To measure the performance of the course, a survey was conducted with 40 members of the first cohort participating. They were asked to rate their knowledge in the following areas:

