

*Safeguarding and
Protecting Practitioners in
Sport for All*

*WomenSport International's
Participation and Support
toward Protecting Sport
Practitioners.*

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WomenSport International- Leadership

- Since 1994 – WSI **IS** what leadership is all about.
- One of the first international advocacy organizations for women in sport.
- Fearless in identifying barriers and issues using evidence-based research necessary to advocate change.
- WSI is a collaboration of researchers, committed, passionate and knowledgeable individuals understanding that no one person or organization will affect change alone.
- We collaborate and together with other dedicated organizations have moved forward the agenda and knowledge base on safeguarding in sport.



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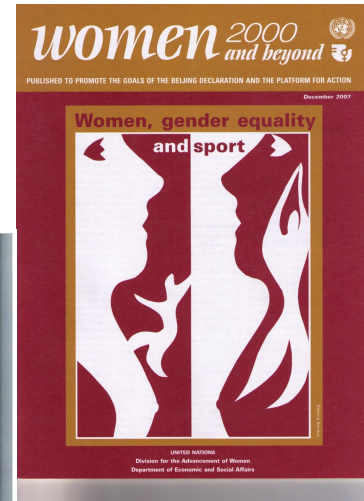
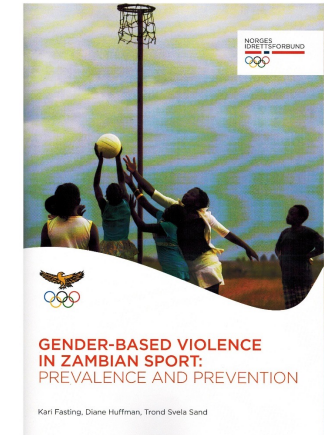
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A Few Landmarks re: Reducing Non-accidental Violence in Sports

- Task Force on sexual harassment initiated in 1995.
- Produced the first written statements on the topic in 1996 - a Leaflet on Sexual Harassment and Abuse, result - influenced many institutions and organizations.
- 2004: promotion a WSI position statement, leading to the IOC and UNICEF requesting our researchers support and advice.
- 2007 and 2016: Contributed to the IOC's Consensus statement on sexual harassment and abuse in sport.
- WSI received UN ECOSOC consultative status in 2010. Since then participated in parallel sessions every year, often on themes related to safety for girls and women in sport.
- 2014: one of the Founding Members of SafeSport International – still a partner in practice.
- 2016: IOC Tool Kit on Safeguarding Athletes from Harassment and Abuse in Sport.
- 2017: Kazan Report and influential in the development of the Global Observatory for Women in Sport – now Gender and Sport.
- 2023: WSI researcher members committee on the new consensus statement of safeguarding in sport.



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Influencing Policy and Practice

WSI Board Members' Research is Influencing Policy, Practice and Education on safeguarding against maltreatment in sports. WSI Board Directors such as Dr. Kari Fasting, Dr. Margo Mountjoy, Dr. Gretchen Kerr, Dr. Ani Chroni, Dr. Carole Oglesby and Dr. Becky Clark use their research to assist policy makers at many levels of sport:

- Sport Doctors clinical competence to recognize and respond to harassment and abuse.
- Advocating for Athletes Rights in Sport and the athletes voice in policy development and response systems.
- Principles and support against discrimination of marginalized groups of women in particular the LGBTQ communities – WSI's Sport in post-binary world Task Force presently on pause however a few efforts are on-going: Development of an extensive bibliography of research (of the past decade only) having implications for these matters.
- Safely working with survivors – a key area of research.
- They are regularly speaking at conferences, webinars and workshop and major educators on safeguarding, rights in sport and protection practices for athletes, officials, administrators and coaches.
- Regularly sit on commissions both national and international providing guidance and strong evidence to assist in driving action toward the protection of all participants in Sport – example: the development of the Canadian Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport.
- Contributing to Safe Sport Education of Coaches.



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