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ABUSE-FREE SPORT PROGRAM SIGNATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

SHOOTING FEDERATION OF CANADA JOINING ABUSE-FREE SPORT ON DECEMBER 31, 2022

The Shooting Federation of Canada is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement to join Abuse-Free Sport, the new independent program to prevent and address maltreatment in sport.

The Shooting Federation of Canada, and its stakeholders at the national level, will have access to the services of the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC), which serves as the central hub of Abuse-Free Sport, following a transition period which will end no later than **December 31, 2022**.

“Safety has and will always be fundamental in the target shooting sports. The Shooting Federation of Canada recognizes that safe sport is everyone’s responsibility. We’re fully committed to doing our part to support a growing national movement that is changing the culture of sport in this country. As part of that commitment, we’re pleased to sign on to Abuse-Free Sport and to soon have the OSIC to administer our safe sport complaints”, Sandra Honour, President of the Shooting Federation of Canada said. “The sport community has been asking for just this kind of consistent national program. It’s an important step forward for everyone involved in sport in Canada.”

During the transition period, the Shooting Federation of Canada is completing full adoption of the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS), which it must do before it can become part of the Abuse-Free Sport program and making the required policy changes.

Prior to December 31, 2022, Shooting Federation of Canada participants who have experienced or witnessed abuse will continue to have access to independent third-party services through ITP

Sport & Recreation at <https://app.integritycounts.ca/org/itpsport> or phone (Canada): 1-800-758-9412.

There is more information about the Abuse-Free Sport program [HERE](#), on the OSIC [HERE](#), and on the Shooting Federation of Canada [HERE](#).

The Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) is the National Sport Organization and the national sport governing body responsible for the promotion, development and governance of organized, recreational, and competitive target shooting in and for Canada.

The SFC offers programs for recreational and high-performance shooters and provides professional development for coaches and officials.

Regardless of the discipline, age, gender or physical ability of the individual, there is a place for everyone in the target shooting sports.

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