

## **Policy on Safe Sport Act & Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) Awareness Training**

Mid-Pacific Road Runner's Club (MPRRC)

Approved by the MPRRC Board of Directors on June 10, 2019

*Preamble: This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 or Safe Sport Act. The Safe Sport Act outlines that non-National Governing Bodies of Sport, and adults working in youth sports (like RRCA and its members), have certain requirements they must implement and follow to be in compliance with the Safe Sport Act.*

### MPRRC Policy on Training for Adults Working with Youth

All adults working with youth are required to go through abuse prevention training of some sort that is pro-active rather than re-active. The abuse prevention training must include educational material about the process of sexual grooming, how to recognize it, and how to prevent it (RRCA's free training resource below is compliant with these requirements).

#### Training Options for Staff and Volunteers

MPRRC recommends RRCA's Sexual Abuse Awareness and Reporting Training for Staff and Volunteers. This FREE online training resource is designed to provide RRCA members and all of their volunteers with a free resource to meet the education requirements outlined in the Safe Sport Act. The link for this is <https://www.brainshark.com/rrca/abuse-awareness-training>. Anyone wanting to complete this training may log onto the program's guest book and launch the training module.

### MPRRC Mandatory Abuse Reporting within 24-Hours Policy

Any adult interacting with amateur athletes, defined as a child or minor under the age of 18 that participates in youth running programs or any events hosted or operated by MPRRC, has a duty to report a reasonable suspicion of sexual misconduct such as child sex abuse, non-consensual sexual conduct, sexual harassment or intimate relationships involving an imbalance of power within a 24- hour period to local law enforcement by calling 911. EVERY adult that staffs or volunteers to organize, assist with, or manage any element of a program or event where youth participate is a mandatory reporter and subject to this policy.

A copy of this policy will be included as part of MPRRC's volunteer sign-up form for club programs or event(s) where youth will be participating. All volunteers and staff are required to attest to having read the policy and agree to abide by the policy. This policy will be presented as clearly visible text where someone must affirmatively agree that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by the policy.

### MPRRC NO One-on-One Contact Policy for Anyone Working with Youth

The NO one-on-one contact policy or rule requires that an adult staff member or volunteer shall never be alone, unsupervised with a child that is not their own child during a youth running program or at an event.