

SSI2024 Conference Programme

Parks+Podiums: Lessons from 2024 for making sport safer for everyone, everywhere

Session 1

Safeguarding from the margins in

Session opening

Mon Dec 9th - 0100MST (Denver) / 0800GMT (London) / 1600PHT (Manila)

1. SSI2024 Conference Opening

Welcome to SSI2024 Parks+Podiums: Lessons learned from 2024 for making sport safer for everyone, everywhere

Duration

20 minutes

Speaker:

Anne Tiivas (Safe Sport International Chair, Trustee)

Description:

Anne will draw on 40 years of experience to open the SSI2024 and reflect on major challenges facing safe sport and safeguarding everyone, everywhere.

Mini stretch break (5 mins)

Mon Dec 9th - 0130MST (Denver) / 0830GMT (London) / 1630PHT (Manila)

Session Opening

Welcome to SSI2024 Session 1 – Safeguarding from the margins in

Speaker:

TBA (SSI Trustee)

2. Athlete calls for change

Are survivor and youth voices being heard?

Duration

55 minutes

Speakers:

Kim Shore, Rose Mae Lanticse, Dr Seamus Byrne, Mark Mungal

Description:

This panel session, chaired by Mark Mungal will highlight the need for meaningful engagement of youth voices and athlete advocacy organizations in our global safeguarding in sport efforts. Kim Shore, an independent Safe Sport Advocate and co-founder of the first survivor-led advocacy organization for gymnasts in Canada will share lessons and challenges from her work as a lead advocate and change agent in sport. Rose Mae Lanticse, a Safe Sport consultant with the Philippines Sports Commission and a passionate advocate for the protection and empowerment of athletes will share perspectives from her advocacy work in the Philippines with athletes and community sport organizations and Dr Seamus Byrne, Faculty Lead for the Faculty of Business and Law for the Institute for Children's Futures at Manchester Metropolitan University will connect the discussion on youth and survivor voices with insights from his research on the protection of children's rights within the sport sector.

Mid-session comfort break

Mon Dec 9th - 0245MST (Denver) / [0945GMT \(London\)](#) / 1745PHT (Manila)

3. A new horizon in safeguarding and sport

Opportunities arising from the 2024 IOC Consensus Statement on Interpersonal Violence and Safeguarding in Sport

Duration

75 minutes

Speakers:

Professor Dikaia Chatziefstathiou, Professor Daniel Rhind

Description:

In this session, Dikaia will interview Daniel about the 2024 IOC consensus statement on interpersonal violence and safeguarding in sport and will introduce the importance of the topic. The previous related consensus statements will be summarised along with the

rationale for the 2024 consensus statement. The process through which the 2024 consensus statement was developed will be outlined. We will discuss the anchoring conceptual framework, 5 over-arching recommendations, and 5 actionable guidelines, considering what this means for different stakeholder groups. We will then have break-out discussions for the audience to discuss how these recommendations will inform their future priorities and actions.

Session close

Mon Dec 9th - 0400MST (Denver) / 1100GMT (London) / 1900PHT (Manila)

Session 2

Courageous leadership

Session opening

Mon Dec 9th 1500MST (Denver) / 2200GMT (London) / Tue Dec 10th 0600 PHT (Manila)

Session Opening

Welcome to SSI2024 Session 2 – Courageous Leadership

Speaker:

TBA (SSI Trustee?)

Mon Dec 9th 1510MST (Denver) / 2210GMT (London) / Tue Dec 10th 0610 PHT (Manila)

4. The privilege of participation 1:

Athlete views on the decision-making in global sporting events.

Duration

65 minutes

Speakers:

Julie Ann Rivers Cochran (The Army of Survivors), Johanna Maranhao (Sport and Rights Alliance), Renata Falcao, Emily Austin

Description:

Content Warning/Advisory: This presentation will mention sexual assault, rape, and the abuser's name.

During the recent 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, Dutch volleyball player Steven Ven de Velde - convicted and imprisoned in 2016 for raping a 12-year-old child by a British court – was allowed to

represent the Netherlands at the beach volleyball tournament. His participation was supported and endorsed by the Dutch National Volleyball Association, who declared that "he met all the qualification requirements for the Olympic Games and was therefore part of the team." Van de Velde's participation has sparked widespread criticism both within and outside of the sports community, calling for a clear criterion for excluding individuals with criminal and/or disciplinary convictions specific to violence and/or harassment.

Mini stretch break (3 mins)

Mon Dec 9th 1620MST (Denver) / 2320GMT (London) / Tue Dec 10th 0720 PHT (Manila)

5. The privilege of participation 2: Managing the complexities of risks of interpersonal violence.

Duration

75 minutes

Speakers:

Anne Tiivas (Safe Sport International, Marcella Leonard (Leonard Consultancy), Paul Stephenson, Sarah Ochwada, Simon Bailey

Description:

The second panel, chaired by Marcella Leonard MBE in the Session "The Privilege of Participation" will discuss the complexities facing sports organisations in managing those who potentially pose a risk within their sport. Paul Stephenson Child protection Sport Unit with NSPCC will provide a thematic overview of the range of risk behaviours facing sports safeguarding teams and the demographic profile. Sarah Ochwada will discuss from her professional experience the challenges facing affected persons when organisations do not effectively assess and manage persons who pose a risk as well as the need for sharing information within and between sports of persons of concern. Simon Bailey CBE, QPM, DL will share from his policing experience what are the elements of effective risk management of persons who pose a risk and specifically within sport. As Chair, Marcella will consider the complexities of identifying, assessing and managing risk within sport, those under 18 years of age, peer to peer and how sports need to have robust structures in place to manage risk to reduce likelihood of further harm.

Session close

Mon Dec 9th 1735MST (Denver) / Dec 10th 0035GMT (London) / Tue Dec 10th 0835 PHT (Manila)

Session 3

Moving forward with integrity

Media Session

Tue Dec 10th - 0100MST (Denver) / 0800GMT (London) / 1600PHT (Manila)

Session Opening

Welcome to SSI2024 Session 3 – moving forward with integrity

Speaker:

TBA (SSI Trustee)

6. Friend or foe – the role of media, social media and AI in making sport safer:

Who has responsibility for leading innovation and critical change?

Duration

55 minutes

Speakers:

Sasha Martell, Professor Andy Miah, Andrea Schueltke, Kirsty Burrows, Sarah Gregorius

Description:

There is a tendency within the safeguarding community for the media/social media to be often portrayed in a negative light and broadly labelled foe. We want to foster meaningful dialogue with representatives from the media and the sports ecosystem to analyse through the lens of the media their experiences in addressing safeguarding issues. This exploration begins with an examination of who the media/social media is, how it is evolving, and the challenges it faces in reporting safeguarding matters. We further aim to assess the experience of how safeguarding stories are reported.

Rather than delving into the issues themselves, the focus will be on the media's experiences, the obstacles faced in reporting such sensitive topics, and the extent to which certain types of media amplify stories of abuse and others act to support safeguarding issues come to light while driving accountability. We will also address the question of who holds responsibility for leading innovation and implementing necessary changes in this domain, including the use of emerging technologies such as AI tools deployed during the Olympic Games in order to reduce online abuse.

Through this dialogue, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of the media's role in reporting on safeguarding and explore how we can assist stakeholders within the system to address the topic more effectively and responsibly.

Tue Dec 10th - 0200MST (Denver) / 0900GMT (London) / 1700PHT (Manila)

BREAK

Session Opening

Tue Dec 10th - 0700MST (Denver) / 1400GMT (London) / 2200PHT (Manila)

Session Opening

Welcome back to SSI2024 Session 3 – moving forward with integrity

Speaker:

TBA (SSI Trustee)

Tue Dec 10th - 0710MST (Denver) / 1410GMT (London) / 2210PHT (Manila)

7. Does safeguarding fit in a multi-integrity model:

Can issues of independence, governance, and approach be resolved to offer person-centred and trauma-informed services?

Duration

55 minutes

Speakers:

Chiel Warners, Mike McNamee, Ingrid Beutler, Richard Bush, Ernst König

Description:

Over the last 2 decades we have seen the creation of an ever-growing number of so called multi-integrity bodies in sport as a reaction to the ever-growing list of scandals. Where the fight against doping was the main catalyst in the early days of these types of entities, safeguarding has, in particular at the national level, taken over that role.

These bodies come in various shapes and sizes, with different mandates and can sit on the national level as well as on the level of International Federations in sport. And although there can be good reasons to pool resources and create synergies by combining multiple integrity topics in one body, as experience has taught us there are also downsides to this. Since the creation of these types of entities is still accelerating, now is a good time to give an overview of

this development and discuss the pro's and con's of this approach from the practical, legal and academic perspectives.

Mid-session comfort break

Tue Dec 10th - 0815MST (Denver) / 1515GMT (London) / 2315PHT (Manila)

8. Refuse To Do Nothing

Ending violence against women and girls in sport: Can we create a future where women athletes are free to inspire, compete, and shine without barriers?

Duration

55 minutes

Speakers:

Dr. Yetsa A. Tuakli-Wosornu, Dr. Jepkorir-Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Mr. Lindelwa Devon Dlamini, Dr Lombé Mwambwa

Description:

The session features four distinguished speakers who will address three significant themes: The Heart of the Matter, Fearful Facts and Figures, and Courageous Leadership. Moderated by Dr. Yetsa Tuakli-Wosornu, the panel discussion will delve into these vital themes and the development of practical solutions to create a safer, more equitable sporting environment for women and girls.

The Heart of the Matter

Dr. Jepkorir-Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Professor of Sport Management at the University of Georgia and former NCAA champion, will share her personal journey as one of Kenya's leading athletes-turned-academics. She will discuss her experience navigating professional sports as a mother and across cultural boundaries, while exploring the academic sector's role in creating conditions for women and girls to thrive in sports.

Fearful Facts and Figures

Dr. Lombé Mwambwa, Research Director at the Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport, will present critical data and analysis on the scope of violence against women in sports. The conversation will examine both progress made and remaining gaps in the global evidence base, emphasizing the need for contextualized information about sport outcomes.

Courageous Leadership

Mr. Lindelwa Devon Dlamini, Senior Sports Officer at the African Union Sports Council, will focus on courageous leadership and policy solutions. Drawing from his extensive experience in

sports administration and development, including recent best practice actions and campaigns within the AUSC and AU, Dlamini will discuss how governments can prevent abuse and promote safeguarding in sports, while fostering collaboration between government bodies and athlete-facing organizations.

Mini stretch break (3 mins)

Tue Dec 10th - 0915MST (Denver) / 1615GMT (London) / Wed Dec 11th 0015PHT (Manila)

9. SSI2024 Conference Closing

Lessons learned from SSI2024 Parks+Podiums.

Duration

15 minutes

Speaker:

Anne Tiivas (Safe Sport International Chair, Trustee)

Conference close

Tue Dec 10th - 0930MST (Denver) / 1630GMT (London) / Wed Dec 11th 0030PHT (Manila)

Conference schedule across time zones

Country (City)	Time Zone	Session 1 (Dec 9 th)	Session 2 (Dec 9 th /10 th)	Session 3 (Dec 10 th /11 th)	
USA (Denver)	MST	01:00 - 04:00	15:00 - 17:35	01:00 - 02:00	07:00 - 09:30
Canada (Ottawa)	EST	03:00 - 06:00	17:00 - 19:35	03:00 - 04:00	09:00 - 11:30
Trinidad and Tobago	AST	04:00 - 07:00	18:00 - 20:35	04:00 - 05:00	10:00 - 12:30
Brazil (São Paulo)	BRT	05:00 - 08:00	19:00 - 21:35	05:00 - 06:00	11:00 - 13:30
UK (London)	GMT	08:00 - 11:00	22:00 - 00:35	08:00 - 09:00	14:00 - 16:30
Switzerland (Lausanne)	CET	09:00 - 12:00	23:00 - 01:35	09:00 - 10:00	15:00 - 17:30
Nigeria (Lagos)	WAT	09:00 - 12:00	23:00 - 01:35	09:00 - 10:00	15:00 - 17:30
South Africa (JHB)	SAST	10:00 - 13:00	00:00 - 02:35 (December 10 th)	10:00 - 11:00	16:00 - 18:30
Kenya (Nairobi)	EAT	11:00 - 14:00	01:00 - 03:35 (December 10 th)	11:00 - 12:00	17:00 - 19:30
India (New Delhi)	IST	13:30 - 16:30	03:30 - 06:05 (December 10 th)	13:30 - 14:30	19:30 - 21:00
Philippines (Manila)	PHT	16:00 - 19:00	06:00 - 08:35 (December 10 th)	16:00 - 17:00	22:00 - 00:30 (December 10 th - 11 th)
China (Beijing)	PHT	16:00 - 19:00	06:00 - 08:35 (December 10 th)	16:00 - 17:00	22:00 - 00:30 (December 10 th - 11 th)
Japan (Tokyo)	JST	17:00 - 20:00	07:00 - 09:35 (December 10 th)	17:00 - 18:00	23:00 - 01:30 (December 10 th - 11 th)
Australia (Sydney)	AEDT	19:00 - 22:00	09:00 - 11:35 (December 10 th)	19:00 - 20:00	01:00 - 03:30 (December 11 th)

Colour Coding:

Green: Morning sessions (05:00 - 11:59). Yellow: Afternoon sessions (12:00 - 17:59)
Blue: Evening sessions (18:00 - 23:59). Orange: Night sessions (00:00 - 05:00)