

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

PROTECTING CHILDREN THROUGH A SAFER ENVIRONMENT!

Challenging individuals to hold themselves accountable and recognize what they **MUST** do is an important first step towards preventing sexual abuse of children. Everyone plays a part in protecting children.

TOGETHER: YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS/ T&T CLUBS MUST...

- Establish Standards of behavior and protective policies for all participants
- Clearly communicate those standards to coaches, staff, volunteers, parents, and participants
- Address any reported or observed violation immediately
- Report suspected abuse immediately to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport
- Follow hiring and training best practices for staff and volunteers

TOGETHER: COACHES AND TEACHERS MUST...

- Avoid being alone with a child
- Refrain from engaging in communications or interactions that are inappropriate to the coach-athlete relationship
- Avoid having physical contact with athletes that is not reasonably intended to coach, teach or demonstrate a gymnastics skill and/or to prevent or lessen injury
- Refrain from having out-of-program contact with athletes, including on social media

TOGETHER: PARENTS MUST...

- Talk to their children about appropriate boundaries or interaction with adults
- Choose an activity after carefully screening the organization
- Review the organization's safe environment policy and know its safe environment strategies
- Observe and monitor their child's participation
- Report any questionable activities

TOGETHER: YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS/ T&T CLUBS MUST...

- Know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touching
- Identify a trusted adult they can talk to
- Trust their GUT, if something feels wrong...tell a trusted adult

Success is a team effort. For a team to be successful, every member of the team — clubs, coaches, athletes, parents, administrators, officials — can and must do his/her part. If each of us does our part and partners with USTA in creating a safer environment for our athletes and children, together we can reduce the opportunity for an abusive situation to develop. We can Make a Difference Together!

For more information, visit <https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/Armatus/course/resources>



