

Safeguarding Atletismo Sudamericano Introduction

The term **Safeguarding** refers to the process of protecting/safeguarding everyone from abuse, harassment and exploitation.

Creating a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is respected and valued is at the heart of safeguarding and everyone involved in Athletics has a role to play in making sure they actively prevent abuse, harassment and exploitation.

To help achieve this, Atletismo Sudamericano created its **1. Safeguarding Policy**, **2. Code of Conduct** and **3. Safeguarding Rules**, which must be followed and respected by all those involved in Atletismo Sudamericano's activities and its summaries are found below.

1. Safeguarding Policy

The Safeguarding Policy applies to athletes, officials, staff, volunteers, affiliates and any other person acting in a similar capacity at any official Area event recognized by Atletismo Sudamericano. All those to whom this Policy applies must comply with it as well as with the World Athletics' Safeguarding Policy. Any breaches of this Policy by these individuals will be subject to potential sanctions under Atletismo Sudamericano's safeguarding rules and procedures.

Member Federations are responsible for handling concerns which arise within their own territory and jurisdiction and must deal with them under the terms of their own safeguarding policy and in accordance with the World Athletics' Safeguarding Policy. The World Athletics' Safeguarding Policy requires concerns to be investigated and administered using a fair and clear process imposing consistent and proportionate sanctions.

Safeguarding Officer: a designated staff member or independent volunteer who is responsible for leading Safeguarding within the territory of Atletismo Sudamericano.

2. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is a clear statement of the commitment by Atletismo Sudamericano to everyone involved in athletics in the region in relation to Atletismo Sudamericano's values, expected standards of behavior and integrity of the staff, coaches, all other athlete support staff, officials, volunteers and all those associated with athletics including those running Atletismo Sudamericano.

To ensure that the Code of Conduct is enforced, Atletismo Sudamericano has established its **Case Management Group (CMG)**.

3. Safeguarding Rules

Safeguarding Rules are aimed at protecting the welfare of those to whom Atletismo Sudamericano's Safeguarding Policy applies from Abuse, Harassment and Exploitation and to establish procedures for concerns, suspicions or allegations to be dealt with.