



Dear GEVA Member,

Many have likely seen, heard, or been made aware of the recent sentencing of former sports medicine doctor, Larry Nassar.

As a member of our sport community, you might be asking yourself how this could have happened and what we can do to prevent this from ever happening again.

We – coaches, athletes, parents, officials, volunteers, team leaders, and sport leaders – can commit to prevention and we can commit to speaking up. We can commit to SafeSport.

SafeSport is something we do, every day in all activities. The key to prevention is to create an environment where all members know the rules, are comfortable talking about it, and are empowered to recognize and report red flag behavior, boundary violations, and misconduct.

Long before the SafeSport initiative, USA Volleyball regions engaged in risk management measures that led to background screening and disciplinary actions against those persons who posed harm to their members and we are thankful to those regions and to the national office for putting the safety of our members first and foremost.

USA Volleyball issued a statement on January 10, 2018, banning nationally prominent volleyball coach Rick Butler for life, click [here](#)

[How do you 'do' SafeSport?](#)

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On behalf of the GEVA Board of Directors
Thank you
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Commissioner