NISKAYUNA ROWING

Building Champions Since 1987

Safe Sport Policy

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Niskayuna Rowing promotes and supports the sport of rowing for the Niskayuna Community. We welcome all athletes without discrimination. We promote teamwork, discipline, physical fitness, personal responsibility, the pursuit of excellence and camaraderie in all of our athletes. We are governed by the Niskayuna Central School District and USRowing and follow the safety and participation policies of both groups.

We are committed to the safety of our athletes on and off the water. To this end, we have implemented safety policies to ensure that our athletes are training and competing in the safest environment possible. These include Safe Sport measures, environmental safety review, and equipment safety checklists.

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We take the personal safety of our athletes very seriously and work to educate our Board, Coaches and Parents on recognizing abuse of a minor and how to address any problems they encounter.

Niskayuna Rowing follows the USRowing Safe Sport policy and the MAAPP protocols. These may be found at <u>Safe Sport Policy</u> on the USRowing website.

All adults who have regular interaction with athletes are required to take the Safe Sport video course. This includes Board members, Coaches and parents who help out at regattas and the boathouse. This course is available through <u>usrowing.org</u>. Regular interaction is defined as more than five interactions during a 12 month period. (Regattas are considered a single interaction regardless of the number of days.)

Athletes who turn 18 in a calendar year, must also complete Safe Sport training, as well as any athlete pursuing National Team participation.

Any suspected violations or inappropriate behavior should be reported to the Program Director immediately and an investigation will ensue.

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