

Abuse Reporting

Purpose

The purpose of this abuse reporting policy is to provide officers, coaches, volunteers and parents associated with the New Hampshire Wrestling Association for Youth, hereafter referred to as the Association, clear guidance on their responsibilities with regard to reporting abuse.

Background

1. The Association is committed to the safety and well-being of all minor participants and spectators at its events. Minors are any person under age eighteen (18).
2. New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 169-C:29-31, lists the professions that are mandatory reporters and provides immunity from liability for any individual reporting abuse in good faith.

Procedures

1. **Any person** who suspects sexual or physical abuse of a minor at an Association-sanctioned event **is required** to report it **immediately** to NHWAY and/or the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). Proof of abuse is **not** required.
2. Reports can be made orally or in writing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to include weekends and holidays.
 - a. NHWAY contact: aaron@nhway.org or gary@nhway.org
 - b. DCYF: (800) 894-5533 (in state) or (603) 271-6562 (out of state)
3. Additional resources can be found on the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cps/stop.htm>.