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SAFE SPORT





THE IOC SAFE SPORT UNIT



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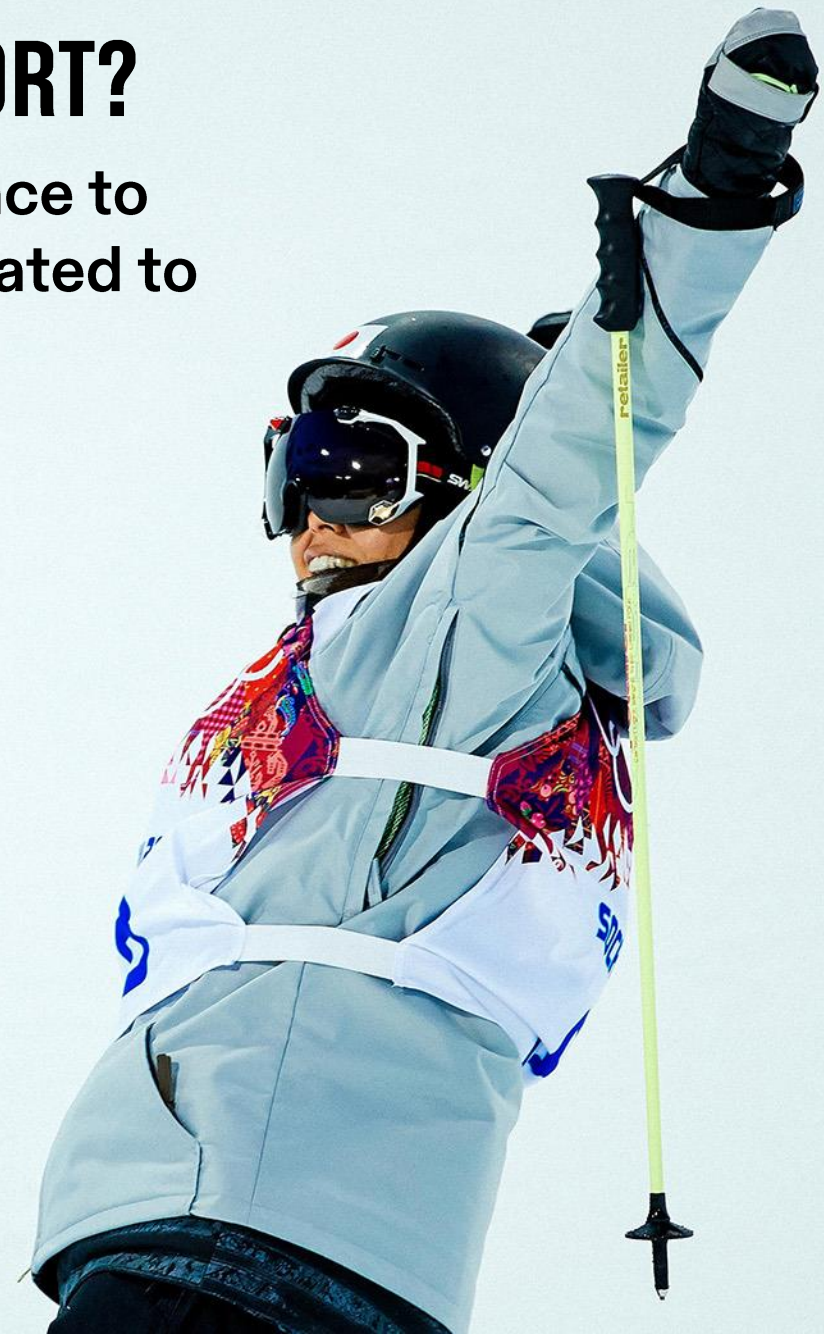
“All athletes have the right to Safe Sport; sport which is fair, equitable and free from harassment, abuse, neglect and exploitation.”

IOC Consensus statement: harassment and abuse
(non-accidental violence) in sport (2016)



WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING/SAFE SPORT?

Proactive measures that we can put in place to both prevent and respond to concerns related to harassment and abuse in sport

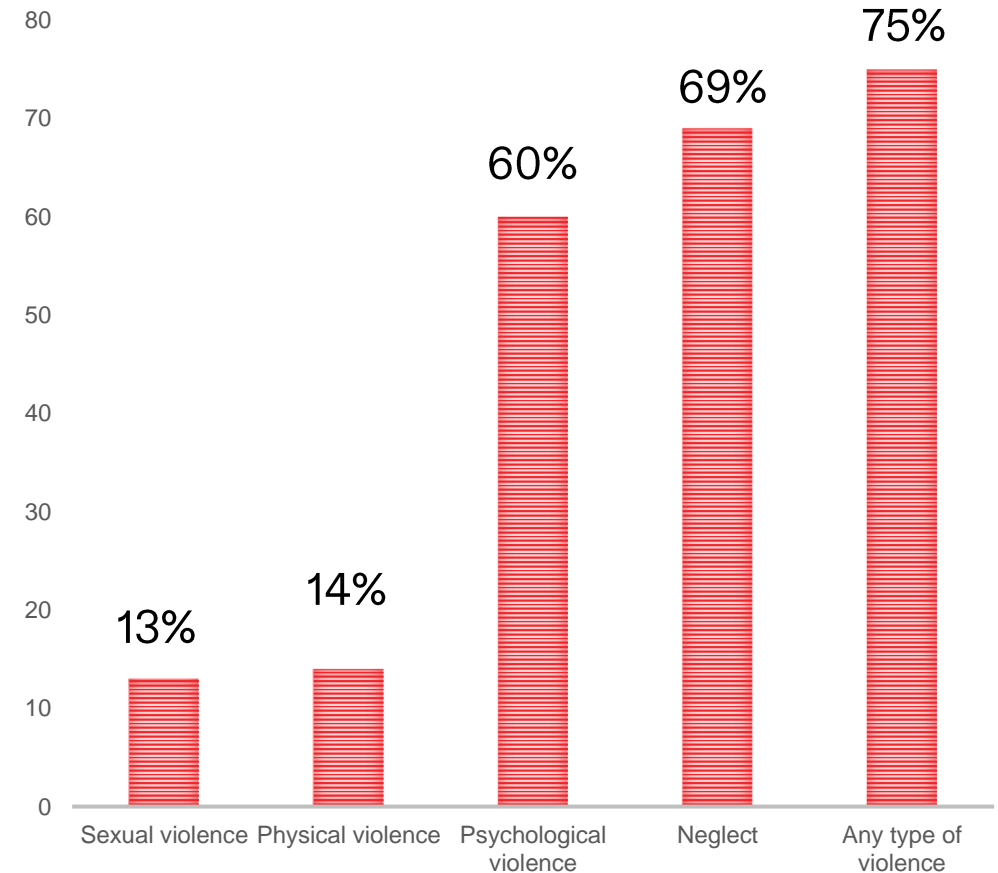


MINIMUM PREVALENCE RATES OF H&A IN ELITE SPORT



- Competition level and/or +16h training per week are associated with higher exposure
- No geographical differences found, but some areas understudied
- The majority of respondents do not disclose at all
- Only a small proportion (4-6%) chose to disclose to someone from the field of sport

CASES 2021



OLYMPIC AGENDA 2020+5



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15 RECOMMENDATIONS



RECOMMENDATION 5 : FURTHER STRENGTHEN SAFE SPORT AND THE PROTECTION OF CLEAN ATHLETES

Strengthen safe sport/safeguarding
across the Olympic Movement to protect
the physical and mental well-being of
athletes



SAFE SPORT ACTION PLAN



TWO STRATEGIC INTENTS

- The IOC to inspire and support the Olympic Movement in fostering safe sport and athlete well-being worldwide.
- The IOC to ensure that the Olympic Games continue to be the forefront in the field of athlete safeguarding and well-being.

IOC AS THE LEADER OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT



**IOC SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME**



**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS -
COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE**



**SUPPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT
& IMPLEMENTATION**



**EDUCATION , CAPACITY
BUILDING & AWARENESS**



**ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE SPORT
“REGIONAL HUBS”**



- IOC Safeguarding Officer certificate (2021 and 2022 cohorts):
 - 156 students from 66 countries
 - 108 students starting the 3rd cohort
- Welfare Officer Accreditations at the OGs and YOGs
- Mapping tool with practitioners and resources
- Continuous support to IFs and NOCs
- Continuous support to Olympism365 activities and projects
- Athlete and Entourage Safeguarding Education
- Development of mental health action plan and further resources
- Establishment of Safe Sport systems and structures at regional level to support athletes

THE IOC AS OWNER OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES



POLICY REVIEW



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



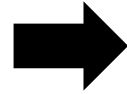
**AGE CONSIDERATIONS /
CHILD RIGHTS**



SUPPORT FOR STAKEHOLDERS



**SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL
HEALTH EDUCATION**

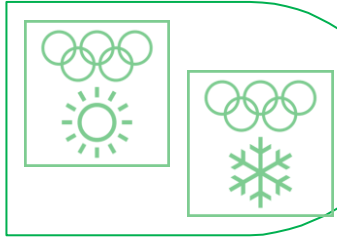


- Update of the IOC Safeguarding Games-time frameworks policies and guidelines
- Implementing safeguarding and mental health programmes at OG and YOG
- NOC Welfare Officers traveling with the Delegations
- IOC Safeguarding in Sport Consensus 2023
- IOC Young Elite Athlete Consensus 2023
- Dedicated Safe Sport areas at the Olympic Villages
- Safeguarding Officers at the Olympic Villages
- New Safeguarding and Mental Health courses for young athletes and their entourage

GLOBAL SITUATION



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2022



31 Summer Olympic IFs
8 Winter Olympic IFs



Safeguarding Officers

- 1/3 do not officially hold the title
- Most have the title for less than 3 years
- 54% have received specialised education



Safeguarding Policy

- 85% have a Safeguarding Policy in Place
- Of those, 56 % are fully implemented

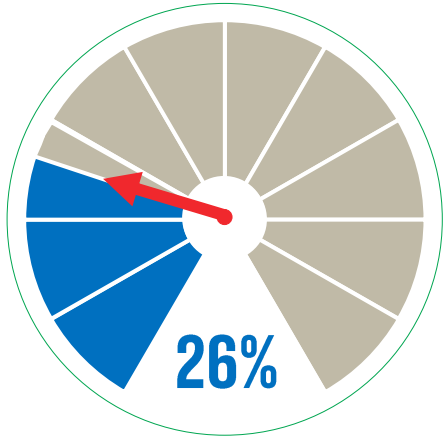


Reporting and Case Management

- 32 IFs have reporting mechanisms
- In 2021 the majority did not receive cases
- # of reports to IFs is increasing

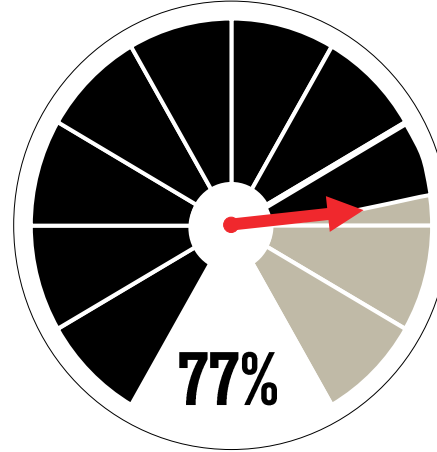


EUROPEAN (50) NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

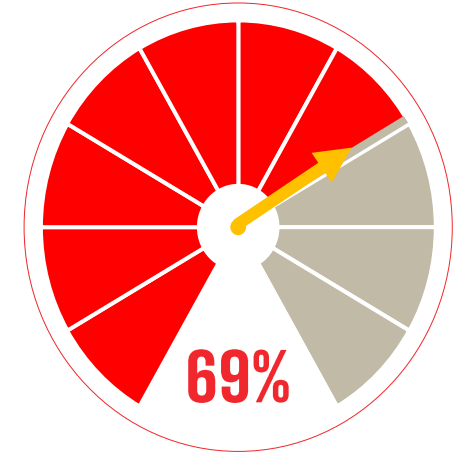


SAFEGUARDING POLICY

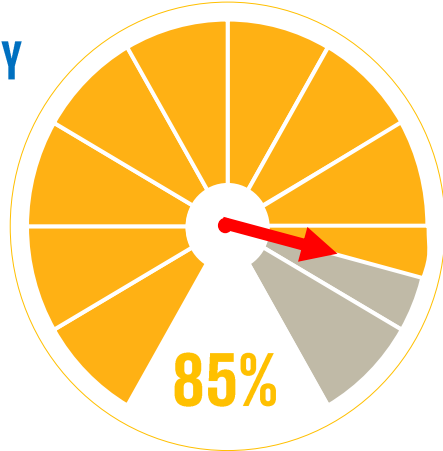
34/50 NOCs do not



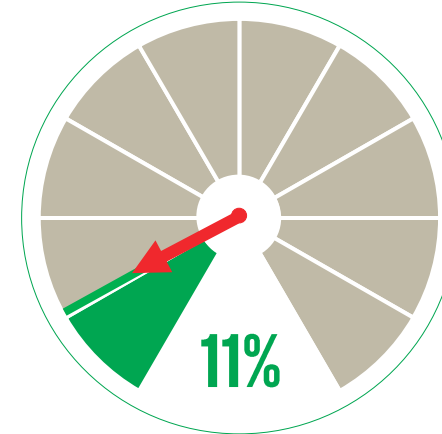
**FULLY IMPLEMENTED
POLICY**



**PUBLISHED ON
THEIR WEBSITE**



MONITORING MECHANISMS
to ensure effective implementation



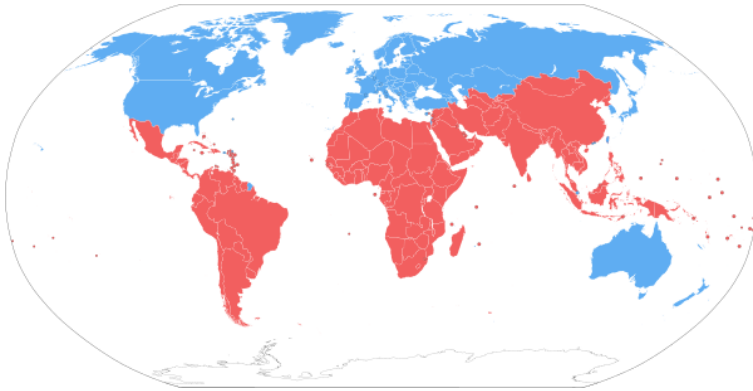
SUBJECT TO A NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING POLICY
defined by national public authorities

From 47 of the 50 European NOCs responding to Olympic Review 2022

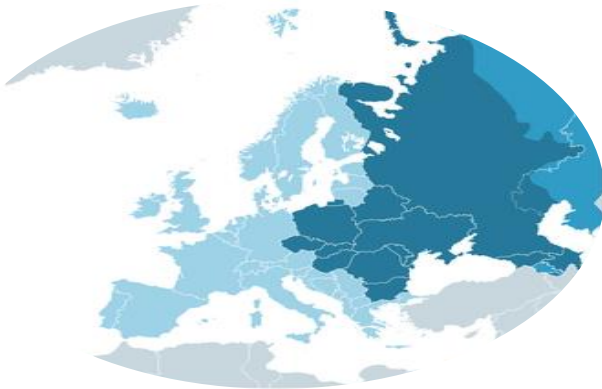
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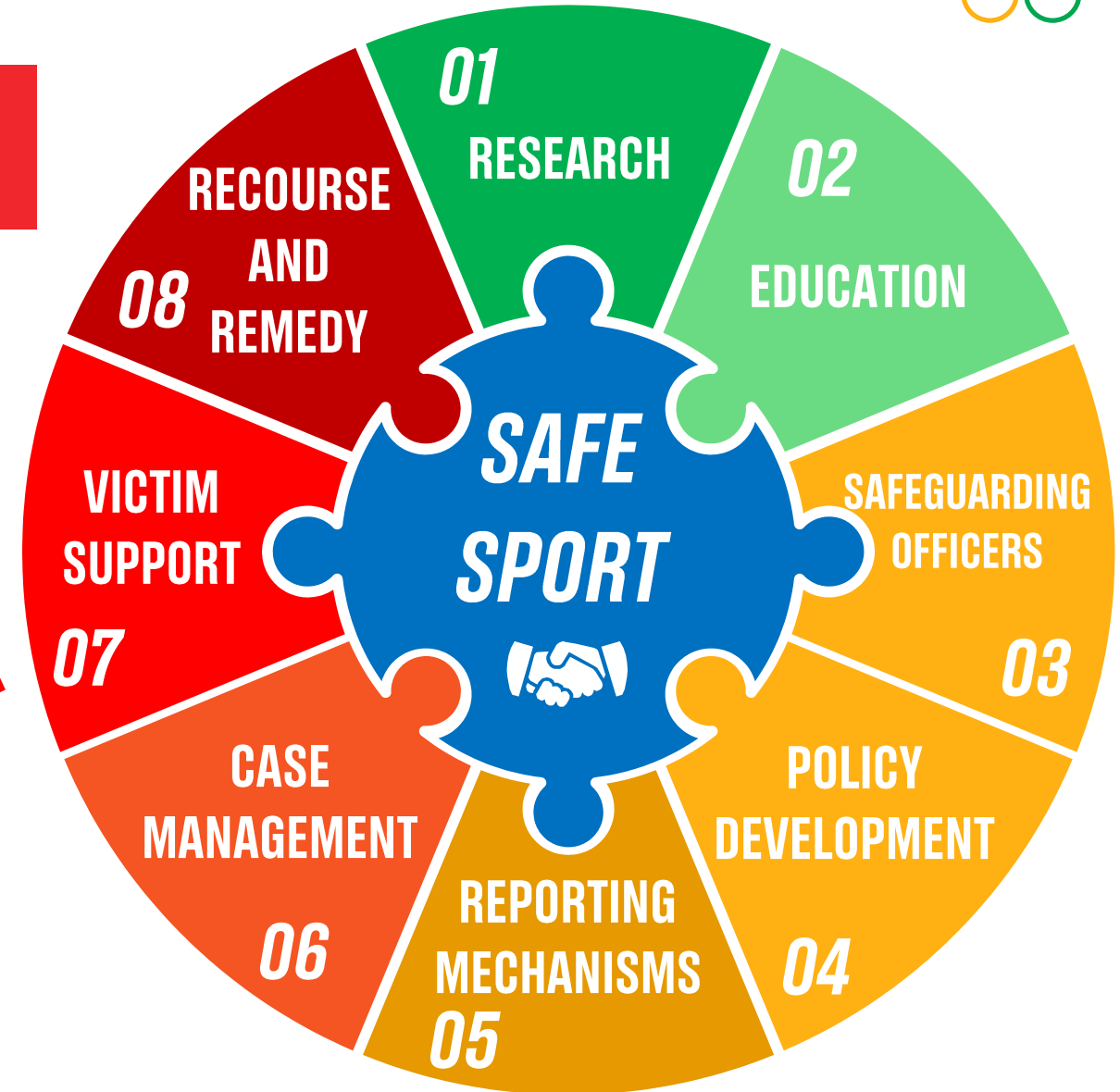
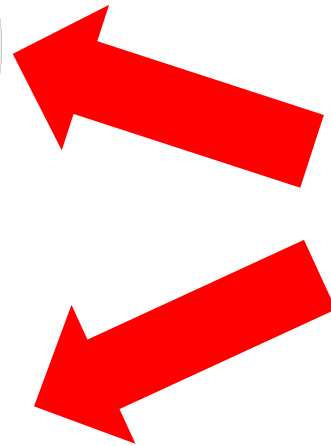
Large gaps from country to country
and region to region in the world



Global south



Eastern European Regions



STATUS QUO

Athletes often don't know where to go

- Fear and lack of trust
- Conflicts of interest
- Lack of punishment for perpetrators
- Normalisation of behaviours and organisational tolerance

Sports organisations...

- Do not know how to manage reports
- Do not have the competency
- May find themselves overextending beyond their role
- Do not take a victim centred approach



GLOBAL ISSUES BUT LOCAL SOLUTIONS

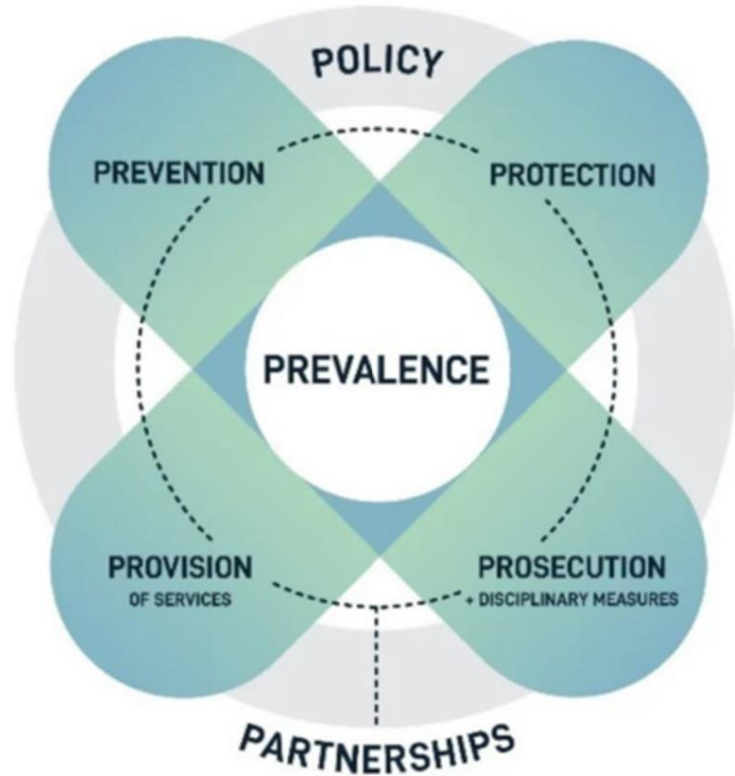


Figure 2. The revised UniSAFE 7P model (source: Mergaert et al. 2022).



GLOBAL ISSUES BUT LOCAL SOLUTIONS



A multi-stakeholder safeguarding working group was established chaired by HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein of Jordan

Final proposal from the Working Group will be presented by HRH Prince Faisal to the IOC Executive Board for approval

Safe Sport Code endorsement by Sport Organisations across the Olympic Movement

MARCH 2023
10 MILLION FUND

APRIL 2023
SAFEGUARDING
WORKING GROUP

MAY 2023
WORKING GROUP
MANDATE

OCTOBER 2023
IOC EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 2023
MULTI-DISCIPLINARY
DRAFTING COMMITTEE

ENDORSEMENT

March 2023 – IOC President announces the creation of a 10 million \$ fund per Olympiad to strengthen the prevention of and response to harassment and abuse at the local level

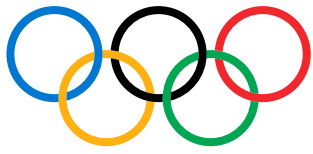
Define a model with the best approach to establish safeguarding systems and structures at regional level to ensure resources are directed where they are most needed

A multi-disciplinary drafting committee to be established for the development of the International Safe Sport Code and the supporting tools



**“WE CAN NEVER JUSTIFY A MEDAL
IF IT WAS WON AT THE COST OF
HARMING SOMEONE FOR LIFE”**

Olympic Silver Medallist



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