

ABUSE IN SPORT, CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICIES

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ABSTRACT: The Author focuses on abuse in sport, especially against minors, and offers a review of the main International and European legal and non-legal instruments available to tackle this hateful and intolerable plague. In particular, the Author's analysis is centered on the safeguarding policies adopted both at International level by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and, more recently, at national level and on the importance of raising awareness on abuse in sport and educating people to deal with it.

L'Autore si concentra sugli abusi nello sport, soprattutto nei confronti dei minori, e offre una rassegna dei principali strumenti giuridici e non giuridici, internazionali ed europei, volti a contrastare questa piaga odiosa e intollerabile. In particolare, l'analisi dell'Autore si concentra sulle politiche di tutela adottate sia a livello internazionale dal Comitato Olimpico Internazionale (CIO), sia, più recentemente, a livello nazionale e sull'importanza di sensibilizzare sugli abusi nello sport ed educare le persone a tal proposito.

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SUMMARY: 1. Introductory remarks – 2. International and European legal instruments on the protection of children – 2.1 From the Geneva Declaration to the UN International Covenants – 2.2 The UN Convention on the Rights of Child – 2.3 The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the Convention of the Council of Europe on protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse – 3. Child protection in sport – 4. Sports initiatives on safeguarding – 5. The Italian sports system and safeguarding policy – 6. Final remarks

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