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[Q: What are the characteristics of model policies and procedures governing the reporting of coach or participant misconduct in local open amateur sport clubs or organizations?](#)

A: Policies and procedures governing the reporting of coaching or participant misconduct should include (a) mandatory reporter responsibilities for all coaches, volunteers and staff members, (b) “whistle blower” protection from retaliation and (c) the provision of a trusted parent or other volunteer to assist the athlete and/or parents in reporting more powerful coaches or officials or other athletes because of fears of retaliation or hazing.

-- SMR assisted in the development of and strongly recommends the model policies and practices and athlete/parent educational materials contained at Safe4Athletes.org.

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