



WEBINAR

# PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN SPORT

**Date and Time: Tuesday, 10 November 2020 – 10:00-12:00 (CET)**

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Simultaneous French and English interpretation will be available.

## Introductory remarks

- ▶ **Zita Gurmai** (Hungary, SOC), General Rapporteur on Violence against women, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

## Panelists

- ▶ **Sarah Abitbol**, figure skater
- ▶ **Dagmar Schumacher**, Director, Brussels Office, UN Women
- ▶ **Pierre-Emmanuel Luneau-Daurignac**, Director of the documentary “Violences sexuelles dans le sport, l’enquête”, ARTE
- ▶ **Nadezda Knorre**, Vice-president, WomenSport International
- ▶ **Béatrice Barbusse**, Lecturer, Paris-Est Créteil University, Secretary General, French Handball Federation
- ▶ **Joyce Cook**, CBE, OBE, Chief Social Responsibility and Education Officer, Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

## Moderator

- ▶ **Killion Munyama** (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “[The fight for a level-playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport](#)”, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe





## Description

■ The participation of women athletes in sports events has significantly increased in past decades, contributing to overturning gender stereotypes and inequalities. However, a phenomenon of violence against women and girls in sport has recently come to light. Multiple testimonies of victims have emerged, and the #MeToo movement has reached this field as well. There have been cases of abuse in a large number of sports associations. The specific role taken by a coach with young athletes also appears to foster a climate of omerta about the abuse suffered by athletes.

■ While several investigations have been launched around the world to gauge the extent of the phenomenon, more information, awareness-raising and tools are needed so that the relevant actors, such as sports associations and federations as well as local and national authorities, can prevent and combat this violence. Numerous examples of good practices aimed at preventing such violence, responding to complaints of abuse and supporting victims, can already be cited, with actors involved at all levels to address this crucial issue.

■ The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) works on combating all forms of discrimination and inequalities. The fight against violence against women is therefore at the centre of the work and activities of the Committee as well as its Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence. A report is currently being prepared on “The fight for a level-playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport”.

■ This webinar aims at raising awareness on the importance of preventing and combating violence against women and girls in sport, as well as exchanging recommendations and good practices on the way forward.

**Content warning:** the webinar will include a testimony and mentions of sensitive topics such as sexual abuse.