



It's been a busy couple of months for the U.S. Biathlon Athlete Health & Safety Task Force. Thank you to those who attended our town halls on May 14 to meet the Vestry Laight team and learn more about the work they are doing. In early June, Sara Darehshori and Brande Stellings from Vestry Laight traveled to Lake Placid to spend time with athletes, staff, and leadership during the National Development Camp. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the sport and speak with athletes and staff in person.

Junior and Senior-age athletes who have traveled and/or competed internationally over the current and past quadrennium have been invited to participate in an online survey that runs through June 24. The Vestry Laight team will review feedback from the survey and identify a sampling of athletes, staff, and stakeholders for confidential interviews to learn more about measures in place to address misconduct and ensure athletes are safe. The survey will also help better understand what is working and where there are opportunities for improvement.

Stakeholders can contact Vestry Laight directly at usba@vestrylaight.com if they would like to participate in the project or have questions.

In addition, Vestry Laight would like to conduct a focus group this summer and speak with parents confidentially about safety. Please reach out to them if you would like to participate and they will send you information.

Sincerely,

Rachel Steer
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