QUESTION 1
Before COVID-19, what was the biggest issue facing youth sport?

Ju’Reise Colón
Bill Currier for SafeSport

The biggest issue facing youth sport was access to play. The barriers to sports participation were built to increase baseball and softball participation, but the access to play is constant. The playing fields are not always available for use.

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João Tralhão
President, AFC Social Services and also our AFC Social Protection Committee, comprised by great coaches and Gold and Silver awards. The necessity for CRM and GDPR compliance should be increased for the protection of personal data.

QUESTION 2
How do you think the global health crisis (COVID-19) is impacting youth sport, both positive and negative? And what solutions have you put in place or are you planning to put in place?

Janelline Ching
Secretary Generale AFC Asian Football Confederation

Positive impacts include a renewed interest in physical activity and sport. The negative impacts include a reduced access to recreational facilities and a reduced opportunity for youth to become active. Solutions include the development of online platforms for virtual training and virtual competitions.

QUESTION 3
Overall, how is your organization addressing youth development and child protection in sport — policies, training, education? Please specify.

Katherine Anderson
Youth Protection Compliance Officer MLB’s Youth Program Protection

MLB is committed to providing an environment that is safe, fun, and engaging for all athletes. This is achieved through the implementation of policies, training, and education programs. MLB’s Youth Program Protection is committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for young athletes.

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QUESTION 4
As SIGA completes its Universal Standards on Youth Development and Child Protection, how will these best serve the sport community?

Katharine Anderson
Youth Protection Officer

SIGA’s Universal Standards on Youth Development and Child Protection will serve the sport community by providing a framework for the development of best practices in youth sport. These standards will help to ensure that youth sport is conducted in an ethical and safe manner, and that young athletes are protected from harm.

Current information on all SIGA standards and best practices can be found on the SIGA website. SIGA also offers resources and training for organizations to help them implement these standards in their programs.