

2022 MAAPP NEED TO KNOW

FOR COACHES



Do you work with athletes and/or have authority over their training, practice, or competitive activities? If so, and you are affiliated with the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, you are considered a coach (regardless of title or compensation) subject to the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) when interacting with Minor Athletes who are not your child.

AS A COACH, YOU MUST

- 1 | Complete the SafeSport™ Trained Core and Refresher courses
- 2 | Ensure one-on-one interactions with Minor Athletes are observable and interruptible
- 3 | Let parents/guardians watch their child's individual training sessions and obtain consent forms from them annually
- 4 | Ensure a second Adult Participant is always present in the room during massages, rubdowns, and other athletic training modalities
- 5 | Ensure that locker rooms and changing areas are monitored and that semi-private or private changing areas are provided
- 6 | Include another Adult Participant or parent/guardian on all electronic communication (text, email, social media) with Minor Athletes
- 7 | Have written parent/guardian consent to transport a Minor Athlete alone, or have another Adult Participant or at least two minors with you

YOU MUST NOT

- 1 | Shower with Minor Athletes
- 2 | Share a room with a Minor Athlete during overnight travel

DUAL RELATIONSHIP EXCEPTION

If you have a relationship with a Minor Athlete outside of your sport, you may be exempted from some policies if the athlete's parent/guardian provides written consent.

CLOSE-IN-AGE CIRCUMSTANCES

Note that some MAAPP exceptions apply for minor and adult athletes you coach who are no more than four years apart in age; be aware that no MAAPP close-in-age exception applies to coach/athlete interactions due to power imbalance.

Please ensure your adult peers who interact with minor athletes follow MAAPP guidance, and report any concern about abuse or misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport (uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/) or your organization.