

IN-PROGRAM CONTACT

2025 MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES



For an interaction to be In-Program Contact, three components must be present:

(1) Adult Participant, **(2) Minor Athlete**, and **(3) An activity related to participation in sport**.

1. WHAT IS AN ADULT PARTICIPANT?

Any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

- A** A member or license holder of an NGB, LAO, or USOPC;
- B** An employee or board member of an NGB, LAO, or USOPC;
- C** Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of an NGB, LAO, or USOPC;
- D** Authorized, approved, or appointed by an NGB, LAO, or USOPC to have Regular Contact with or Authority over minor athletes.

2. WHAT IS A MINOR ATHLETE?

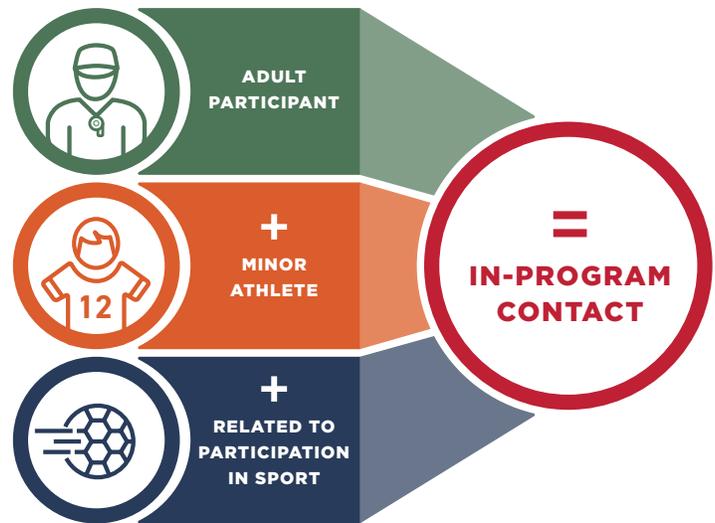
An amateur athlete under 18 years of age who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, an event, program, activity, or competition that is part of, or partially or fully under the jurisdiction of, an NGB, USOPC, or LAO.

3. WHAT IS AN ACTIVITY RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN SPORT?

These activities could include but are NOT limited to: competitions, practices, camps/clinics, pre/post game or practice meals or outings, training/instructional sessions, team travel, review of film, strategy sessions, banquets, award banquets, teambuilding activities, community service, or sport education.

IN-PROGRAM CONTACT: THREE PART TEST

As the equation illustrates, all three components (Adult Participant, Minor Athlete, and Related to Participation in Sport) must be present for the MAAPP to apply. If one component is absent, then the interaction or activity would NOT be considered In-Program and thus not covered by the MAAPP. Please review examples of In-Program contact above.



COMMON QUESTIONS

Would an individual training session between a national team coach and a Minor Athlete that takes place at a local gym not owned by the Organization be considered In-Program Contact?

A: Yes. Referring back to the Three-Part Test: The national team coach is an Adult Participant providing a training session for a Minor Athlete. The training session is related to participation in sport. Since all three components are present, this interaction would be considered In-Program contact.

If an Adult Participant runs into a Minor Athlete at a local training spot while practicing, is the interaction considered In-Program?

A: Yes. Practicing at a local training spot would be related to participation in sport. The Adult Participant would need to ensure that any interaction with the Minor Athlete is observable and interruptible and complies with the MAAPP.