

2022 MAAPP NEED TO KNOW

FOR ADULT ATHLETES



As an athlete over age 18 who may interact with Minor Athletes, you have more responsibilities—to your Organization, to state and federal law—than you had as a minor. As an Adult Participant in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, you must follow the Required Prevention Policies of your Organization's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP).

1. One-on-one interactions between you and Minor Athletes must be observable and interruptible.
2. If you know or suspect child abuse, you are required to report it to law enforcement and the Center, and to follow any additional state law requirements.
3. If you are no more than four years older than a Minor Athlete and do not have authority or control over them (as a coach would), a Close-in-Age exception may apply. This means that your one-on-one interactions with them do not always have to be observable and interruptible, in such settings as:
 - » Practice and training
 - » Electronic communications (including text and social media)
 - » Changing and showering in locker rooms/changing areas
 - » Transportation
 - » Lodging

If you have regular contact with or authority over Minor Athletes, even if you are close in age, you must follow the MAAPP's Education & Training Policy and take the required SafeSport™ Trained Core and Refresher courses.

If not, you can take the [Center's Adult Athlete](#) course to learn more about creating safe and positive sport environments.

[Report any concern](#) about abuse or misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport or your organization.