

MEETING AND TRAINING SESSIONS

2022 MINOR ATHLETE
ABUSE PREVENTION
POLICIES



POLICY APPLICATION

- Policy applies to all In-Program training sessions and meetings.
- Requirements for meetings with a licensed mental health care professional or health care provider apply at sanctioned events and facilities partially or fully under the Organization's jurisdiction.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

1. Must follow ALL aspects of the One-on-One Interactions Policy.
 - Observable
 - Interruptible
2. Advanced written consent is required from a parent/guardian annually for all In-Program individual training sessions.
 - Consent can be withdrawn at any time.
3. Parents/guardians must be allowed to observe the training session.
4. Meetings with licensed mental health care professionals or health care providers (not including athletic trainers) do not have to be observable and interruptible if:
 - The door remains unlocked.
 - Another adult is present in the facility and aware of the meeting.
 - The Organization is aware of the meeting.
 - Provider must obtain consent from the parent/guardian per applicable laws and ethical standards.

POLICY EXCEPTIONS

If one of the following exceptions exists with appropriate consent, In-Program transportation is not required to follow the One-on-One Interactions policy.

- 1. Emergency.**
 - 2. Dual Relationship** – The Adult Participant has an existing relationship with Minor Athlete outside of the sport program.
 - 3. Close-in-Age** – The Adult Participant has no authority over the Minor Athlete and is not more than 4 years older than the Minor Athlete.
 - 4. Personal Care Assistant** – The Adult Participant is a Personal Care Assistant and has met all the requirements.
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COMMON QUESTIONS

Can an individual training session be observable but not interruptible as long as a parent/guardian provides consent?



A: No. Individual training sessions must ALWAYS be observable and interruptible unless one of the exceptions exists. Parent/guardian consent is required annually for **ALL** training sessions.

Is advanced written consent required for a coach to provide individual instruction during practice sessions or competitions?



A: No. Individual instruction during a practice with other Minor Athletes present does not require consent. The instruction must still follow the One-on-One Interactions Policy.