

# MAAPP QUICK GUIDES FOR ADULT ATHLETES

As an Adult Athlete in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement, you may be close friends with Minor Athletes or act as a role model. Adult Athletes are also considered Adult Participants, which comes with additional responsibilities and requirements detailed in the SafeSport Code and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). This guide identifies key points for you to remember when interacting with Minor Athletes.

## REQUIRED PREVENTION POLICIES:

All Adult Participants must follow the Required Prevention Policies when interacting with Minor Athletes during any activity related to sport, unless an exception exists, and the required consent has been obtained. Below are some important reminders for following the MAAPP:

- All In-Program Contact between you and Minor Athletes must be observable and interruptible.
- If you need to change or use a locker room with Minor Athletes, do not intentionally or recklessly expose yourself.
- Do not shower with Minor Athletes unless you meet the Close-in-Age exception, or are wearing swimwear while rinsing off before or after an activity.
- All electronic communications must be Open and Transparent, including social media, unless an exception exists.
- If you drive with a Minor Athlete, make sure to have another Adult Participant or at least two minors who are 8 years of age or older ride with you.
- If an exception applies, make sure you or your Organization has written consent before sharing a room.
- Any interactions during In-Program lodging must be observable and interruptible.

## REQUIRED EDUCATION & TRAINING:

If you have regular contact with minor athletes, you must complete SafeSport training before the regular contact begins, and every 12 months thereafter. If you're unsure if you have regular contact, talk to your Organization.

Note: The Close-in-Age exception (defined on the next page) does not exempt you from training.

Remember, the Close-in-Age exception does not apply to the Education and Training Requirements. Your Organization can help you determine if you have regular contact with minor athletes within your sport and how to access the SafeSport courses.

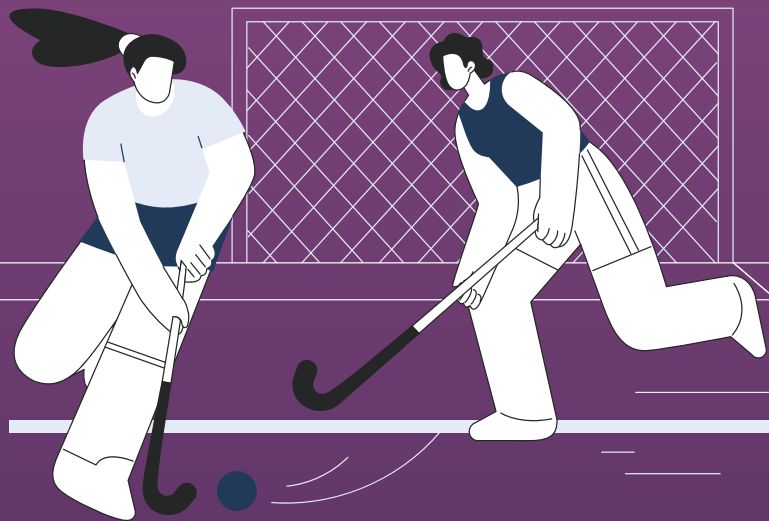


## CLOSE-IN-AGE:

The Close-in-Age exception might apply to you as an adult athlete. This exception, related to one-on-one interactions under the MAAPP, applies if you are not more than four years older than the Minor Athlete. You also cannot be in a position of authority over the Minor Athlete (for example, a coach or official). Remember, you may need to collect required consent forms as an Adult Participant from the Minor Athlete's parent or guardian. Your Organization can assist you with collecting required consent forms.

## DUAL RELATIONSHIP:

The Dual Relationship exception might apply to you as an adult athlete during certain one-on-one interactions under the MAAPP. This exception applies if you have a relationship with a Minor Athlete that is outside of sport. For example, a Minor Athlete may also be your niece or nephew, or a close family friend. The Minor Athlete's parent/guardian must provide written consent for you to have certain one-on-one interactions with that Minor Athlete based on the Required Prevention Policies. Your Organization can assist you with collecting required consent forms.



## MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

State Reporting Agencies

Adult Participants must report suspected violations of child abuse, including child sexual abuse, to local law enforcement and necessary state reporting agencies.

[www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov)

### U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT

Adult Participants must report suspected violations of sexual misconduct, retaliation, and misconduct related to the Center's process, to the Center.

#### REPORT ONLINE

[uscenterforsafesport.org/  
report-a-concern](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern)

#### OR CALL

833-5US-SAFE (587-7233)

### NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

Adult Participants must report suspected violations of emotional and physical misconduct, and MAAPP violations, to your National Governing Body.