

MAAPP QUICK GUIDES FOR COACHES

This guide is intended for coaches who are 18 years of age or older. As an adult coach in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement, you play a critical role in changing sport culture and ending abuse. Your role as a coach makes you an Adult Participant. As an Adult Participant, you must follow the SafeSport Code and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). This guide highlights key items you need to know.

EDUCATION & TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

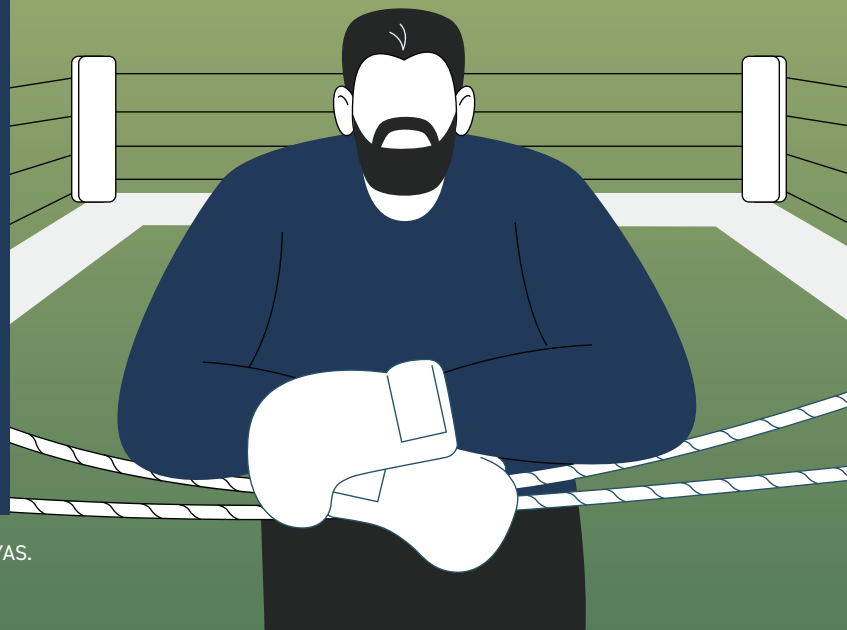
As Adult Participants who have regular contact with and authority over minor athletes, Coaches must take the Center's online training. This consists of the SafeSport® Trained Core as well as the Refresher courses. Training must be taken BEFORE any regular contact with minor athletes begins. This means prior to the first practice or team meeting that includes minor athletes. After you take training for the first time, you will complete training every 12 months.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The MAAPP applies to each U.S. Olympic and Paralympic National Governing Body (NGB). However, your NGB may have stricter requirements or additional policies and procedures you are required to follow. Review your NGB's MAAPP for any of these requirements.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST:

- Complete SafeSport Training.
- Review Required Prevention Policies of your NGB's MAAPP.
- Identify areas where you must collect consent and obtain the needed forms.
- Review mandatory reporting requirements.
- Review policy requirements and set expectations for conduct with coaches, athletes, and parents.
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- Provide a copy of policy requirements and expectations for appropriate conduct to coaches, athletes, and parents.



REQUIRED PREVENTION POLICIES:

All Adult Participants within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement must follow the Required Prevention Policies when interacting with Minor Athletes during any activity related to sport, unless an exception exists, and appropriate consent has been obtained.

AS A COACH, YOU CAN:

- Provide individual training sessions for Minor Athletes in spaces where others are present.
- Have a private conversation with Minor Athletes if it is observable and interruptible.
- Provide therapeutic and recovery modalities and manual therapy to Minor Athletes, if needed, and allowed by your Organization. This treatment must be observable and interruptible, have a second Adult Participant physically present, and the Minor Athletes must always be fully or partially clothed.
- Use the same locker room as Minor Athletes if all contact is observable and interruptible inside the locker room or changing area. You cannot remove your clothes in a way that you are intentionally or recklessly exposing yourself to a minor. Do not shower with any Minor Athletes. The only exception is if you are wearing swimwear as part of a pre- or post-activity rinse.
- Communicate electronically with a Minor Athlete if it is open and transparent, for all direct and team communications.
- Travel with Minor Athletes if it is observable and interruptible. This means another Adult Participant or at least two minors 8 years of age or older must be present.
- Share lodging with a Minor Athlete if both you and the Minor Athlete have separate rooms or sleeping spaces and all interactions inside the lodging space are observable and interruptible. Remember that coaches cannot share a room or sleeping space with a Minor Athlete.

****Remember to review your NGB's MAAPP for further requirements and information about exceptions and consent.**

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

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.