

MAAPP QUICK GUIDES FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

As a parent or guardian of a Minor Athlete, your understanding of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) is key to ensuring your child's sport experience is as safe as possible. This guide identifies key requirements your child's National Governing Body (NGB) or local club is required to fulfill.

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

ADULT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

- Coaches
- Volunteers
- Officials
- Club Staff
- Adult Athletes
- NGB Staff
- Athletic Trainers
- Event Staff

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SPORT:

- Team meetings
- Sport-related medical care
- Practice
- Team meals
- Events
- Award banquets
- Hotel stays
- Travel to and from practices, events, or activities
- Team-building activities
- Fundraisers

IMPORTANT FACTS:

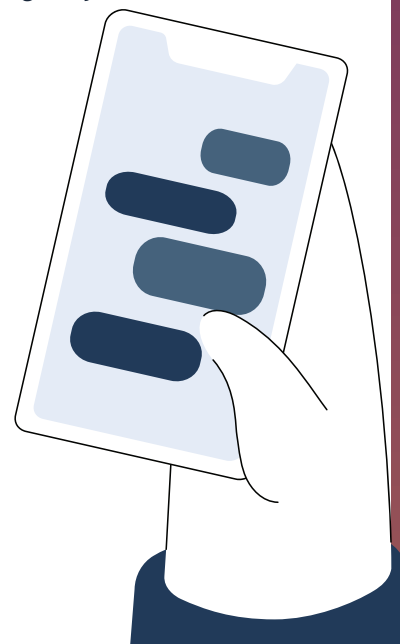
- All NGBs within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement are required to develop their own NGB-specific MAAPP. You should review a copy of your NGB's MAAPP at least once a year. It is posted on your NGB's website.
- All Adult Participants who have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes must take the Center's online training.
- Parent-focused training on preventing and reporting child abuse is available for free at safesporttrained.org.
- Every NGB and local club must have a way for individuals to report any suspected sexual, emotional, or physical misconduct, and violations of the MAAPP. You can make a report at any time using the information on the next page.



REQUIRED PREVENTION POLICIES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- There are four exceptions to the MAAPP Required Prevention Policies:
 - » **Close-in-Age**
 - » **Personal Care Assistant**
 - » **Dual Relationship**
 - » **Emergencies**
- All interactions between Minor Athletes and any Adult Participant **MUST** occur in an area where others can easily see and stop the interaction if needed.
- You are allowed to observe manual therapy, athletic training, or non-emergency medical care of your Minor Athlete unless credentials are limited. A second Adult Participant must be present during treatment and the provider is required to narrate steps and get approval from the Minor Athlete throughout treatment.
- Adult Participants should **NEVER** communicate electronically with a Minor Athlete one-on-one unless an exception exists. You may request that your athlete not receive any communications from an Adult Participant, NGB, or local club outside of emergencies.
- You may provide consent to allow an Adult Participant to transport your athlete one-on-one. Without consent, transportation should never be one-on-one.
- Minor Athletes cannot share a hotel room or sleeping space with an Adult Participant unless an exception exists and you have provided consent for the arrangement.



Full details of the MAAPP can be found at: maapp.uscenterforsafesport.org

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The Center has more resources for Parents and Guardians on our website. Follow the QR code to visit now.



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Reporting is a key component to keeping athletes safe. If you suspect a violation, please report.

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

OR CALL
833-5US-SAFE (587-7233)

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

Report suspected violations of emotional and physical misconduct, and MAAPP violations, to your National Governing Body.