



# MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY

NOTES FROM WESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE

# BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

- CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE
- APPROVED BY USA SWIMMING BOD APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>
- EFFECTIVE JUNE 23 2019
- SEPTEMBER CONVENTION-MUST BE APPROVED AT HOD TO MAINTAIN STATUS AS NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

# MAAPP HIGHLIGHTS

- THERE WILL BE COMPLIANCE CHECKS AT SOME POINT
- MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AS IS AT TEAM AND LSC LEVEL (NO ALTERATIONS)
- RESOURCES AND BITE SIZE WEBINARS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

# MAAPP HIGHLIGHTS

- ADULT ATHLETES (AGE 18) MUST COMPLETE ATHLETE PROTECTION TRAINING OR THEY MAY NOT COMPETE.
- PLAN IS FOR THIS TO FLAG ON MEET RECONCILIATION/ REGISTRAR
- SUGGESTED TO PLAN GROUPS OF ATHLETES TO TAKE TOGETHER
- PRESENT AT PARENT MEETINGS, REGISTRAR NIGHTS, CHECK BOX ON TEAM UNIFY REGISTRATION (for example)
- **REVIEW PAGES OF FAQ'S**

# MAAPP HIGHLIGHTS

- DOES NOT MEAN TIMERS, MARSHALLS, ETC HAVE TO BE BACKGROUND CHECKED
- APPLICABLE ADULTS ARE ANY MEMBER *AND NON-MEMBER* THAT HAS AUTHORITY OVER MINOR ATHLETES
- *CLUBS MUST KEEP WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ANNUALLY*
- COMMON SENSE IS KEY - EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES
- BLANKET CONSENT FROM PARENTS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

# ONE ON ONE INTERACTIONS

- OBSERVABLE AND INTERRUPTIBLE
- ANOTHER ADULT PRESENT
- DOORS/CURTAINS OPEN
- NO HOTEL ROOM OR OVERNIGHT LOGDING DURING TEAM TRAVEL
- MENTAL HEALTH OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS EXCEPTIONS TO PROTECT PRIVACY

# SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- MUST BE PROFESSIONAL IN NATURE
- OPEN AND TRANSPARENT- LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE COPIED
- TEAM COMMUNICATION IS OK IF ANOTHER ADULT IS COPIED
- 8 AM TO 8 PM UNLESS EMERGENCY OR TEAM TRAVEL
- NO PRIVATE SOCIAL MEDIA UNLESS A FAN/CELEBRITY PAGE. TEAM PAGE IS OK. MUST 'UNFRIEND'

# TEAM TRAVEL

- LOCAL TRAVEL- ALWAYS TWO ATHLETES OR A SECOND ADULT UNLESS IN WRITING FROM LEGAL GUARDIAN
- TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP
- OBERVABLE AND INTERRUPTIBLE ENVIRONMENTS
- ADULT ATHLETES MAY SHARE ROOMS WITH MINOR ATHLETES WITH PARENT PERMISSION
- AIRBNB, CAMP OUTS, CONDOS- MAY NOT TEAM TRAVEL
- REPLACES CURRENT TRAVEL POLICIES
- ALWAYS APPLIES OUTSIDE SWIM EVENTS



# TEAM TRAVEL

- ADULT ATHLETES MAY SHARE ROOMS WITH MINOR ATHLETES WITH PARENT PERMISSION (SIMILAR AGE RANGE)
- ATHLETES ARE STILL FRIENDS WHEN ONE TURNS 18.. COMMON SENSE IS A MUST

# LOCKER ROOM AND CHANGING AREAS

- Do you have a monitoring plan?
- Use locker rooms
- Prefer separate areas /facilities .
- Turn around, don't parade around
- No adults alone with minors... doesn't apply to the public. ☹️ Legal guardians are discouraged not prohibited.

# MASSAGES & RUBDOWNS

- As a team function or training modality; does not apply to a personal massage at non-team function
- Open and interruptible location by certified/licensed professional
- Coach must not perform under any circumstances
- Written consent
- Second adult must be present
- Do not help athletes stretch or apply creams/ointments

# CONTACTS

- <https://www.usaswimming.org/Home/safe-sport>
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