



MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES

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# INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center) is committed to building a sport community where Participants can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct. The most commonly used terms throughout this document are defined in the Terminology section in the back of this document.

## Authority

The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 authorizes the Center to develop training and policies to prevent abuse—including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse—within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. 36 U.S.C. § 220542(a)(1). Federal law requires that, at a minimum, national governing bodies and paralympic sports organizations *must offer and give consistent training related to the prevention of child abuse: (1) to all adult members who are in regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors and (2) subject to parental consent, to members who are minors.* 36 U.S.C. § 220542(a)(3). Federal law requires that these policies contain reasonable procedures to limit unobservable and uninterrupted one-on-one interactions between an amateur athlete, who is a minor, and an adult, who is not the minor’s legal guardian, at facilities under the jurisdiction of organizations within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. 36 U.S.C. § 220542(a)(2). To that end, the Center has developed the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP).

## What is the MAAPP?

The MAAPP is a collection of proactive prevention and training policies for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. It has four primary components:

1. Organizational Requirements for Education & Training and Prevention Policies;
2. An Education & Training Policy that requires training for certain Adult Participants within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement;
3. Required Prevention Policies, focused on limiting one-on-one interactions between Adult Participants and Minor Athletes that Organizations within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement must implement to prevent abuse;
4. Recommended Prevention Policies.

The Center developed the MAAPP to assist National Governing Bodies (NGBs), Local Affiliated Organizations (LAOs), the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and other individuals to whom these policies apply in meeting their obligations under federal law

(*Note*: implementing these policies does not guarantee that an organization or individual fully complies with federal law or all applicable legal obligations). These Organizations should share these policies with all Participants and with parents/guardians of minor athletes. Those implementing these policies should consider the physical and cognitive needs of all athletes.

The MAAPP focuses on just two important aspects of a much larger comprehensive abuse prevention strategy. These policies address training requirements and limiting one-on-one interactions between adults and minor athletes. These policies are intended to be enforceable and reasonable, acknowledging, for example, that when a 17-year-old athlete turns 18, they become an adult athlete, and a complete prohibition of one-on-one interactions may not be necessary or practical. Additionally, there may be other instances when one-on-one interactions could occur, and in those cases, these policies provide strategies so parents/guardians can provide informed consent if they choose to allow a permitted interaction. **The Center recommends that parents first complete training on abuse prevention to be informed about potential boundary violations and concerns before consenting to the interaction.**

While the MAAPP will help organizations implement these policies to greatly improve minor athlete safety, in no way can they guarantee athlete safety in all circumstances, especially when the policies are not fully implemented, followed, or monitored. These policies are not comprehensive of all prevention strategies, nor are they intended to be. These policies should be implemented alongside the [SafeSport Code](#). Additionally, other resources are available that may assist organizations in improving athlete safety.<sup>1</sup>

### **How Does the Center Ensure Compliance with the MAAPP?**

Federal law requires the Center to conduct regular and random audits of the NGBs to ensure compliance with these policies. 36 U.S.C. § 220542(a)(2)(E). More specific organizational compliance requirements can be found in Part I. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the USOPC and each NGB, LAO, and Adult Participant to comply with the MAAPP. The aforementioned

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<sup>1</sup> Saul, J., & Audage, N. C. (2007). [Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth-serving Organizations: Getting Started on Policies and Procedures](#). Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Canadian Centre for Child Protection. (2014). [Child Sexual Abuse: It Is Your Business](#). Winnipeg, Manitoba: Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

The Australian Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. (2017). [Final Report](#).

Organizations can address violations of the MAAPP by Adult Participants in their respective programs. Adult Participants also have an independent responsibility to comply with these MAAPP provisions. Violations of these provisions can result in sanctions under the SafeSport Code.

### **Is the MAAPP Different from the SafeSport Code?**

Yes. The [SafeSport Code](#) works alongside the MAAPP to prevent abuse. The MAAPP includes proactive prevention policies for organizations and individuals, while the SafeSport Code contains misconduct policies for individuals. However, violations of the MAAPP can violate the SafeSport Code, and violators who are also Participants can be sanctioned.

## SCOPE

### **The MAAPP Applies to “In-Program Contact” Within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement**

The MAAPP, or a policy containing the minimum required components of the MAAPP, is required for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), National Governing Bodies (NGB), and Local Affiliated Organizations (LAO) within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement (each an “Organization”).

Some policies impose requirements on Organizations at sanctioned events and facilities partially or fully under the Organization’s jurisdiction. For example, Organizations must monitor locker rooms at their facilities and sanctioned events. Other policies impose certain requirements on Adult Participants under the Organization’s jurisdiction when the Adult Participant is having “In-Program Contact.” For example, Adult Participants cannot have one-on-one meetings with a Minor Athlete unless it is observable and interruptible.

#### **Who is a Minor Athlete?**

A **Minor Athlete** is an amateur athlete under 18 years of age who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, an event, program, activity, or competition that is part of, or partially or fully under the jurisdiction of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> This term shall also include any minor who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, a non-athlete role partially or fully under the jurisdiction of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association. Examples include, but are not limited to: members, coaches, judges or volunteers.

**Partial or Full Jurisdiction:** Includes any sanctioned event (including all travel and lodging in connection with the event) by USA Archery, USA Archery Club and State Association, or any facility that USA Archery, USA Archery Club, or USA Archery State Association owns, leases, or rents for practice, training, or competition.

**Who is an Adult Participant?**

An **Adult Participant** is any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

1. A member or license holder of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association;
2. An employee or board member of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association;
3. Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association;
4. Authorized, approved, or appointed by USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association to have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes.<sup>3</sup>

<b>ADULT PARTICIPANT</b>	<b>REGULAR CONTACT</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
USA Archery, Club or State Association Employee		<b>X</b>
USA Archery, Club or State Association Board Member		<b>X</b>
Coaches, Team Leaders and Pre-Planned Arrow Agents	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Officials	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Volunteers with Restricted Area Contact/Field of Play Access (e.g. range assistants, scoring team)	<b>X</b>	
Volunteers without Restricted Area Contact/ Field of Play Access (e.g. registration, water crew)		
Contracted Medical Personnel (Volunteer event medics excluded, EMTs, other medical personnel)	<b>X</b>	
Contractors/ Vendors with Restricted Area Contact/ Field of Play Access (e.g. equipment maintenance technicians, scoring team, etc.)	<b>X</b>	
Adult Athletes with Regular Contact or Restricted Area Contact/ Field of Play Access (e.g. National or International Team Members and Camp Participants over the Age of 18)	<b>X</b>	
Adult Athletes without Regular Contact		

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<sup>3</sup> This may include volunteers, medical staff, trainers, chaperones, monitors, contract personnel, bus/van drivers, officials, adult athletes, staff, board members, and any other individual who meets the Adult Participant definition.

Media with Regular Contact, Restricted Area Contact/Field of Play Access, or Unsupervised Contact	X	
Interns	X	

**What is In-Program Contact?**

In-Program Contact includes sanctioned events and facilities, but it also applies more broadly to sport-related interactions. **The MAAPP defines “In-Program Contact” as:**

*Any contact (including communications, interactions, or activities) between an Adult Participant and any Minor Athlete(s) related to participation in sport.*

Examples of activities related to participation in sport that could be identified as In-Program Contact include, but are not limited to: competition, practices, camps/clinics, training/instructional sessions, pre/post-game meals or outings, team travel, review of game film, team- or sport-related relationship building activities, celebrations, award ceremonies, banquets, team- or sport-related fundraising or community service, sport education, or competition site visits.

**Am I required to take SafeSport Training?**

Certain Adult Participants within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement who have (i) regular contact with amateur athletes who are minors, (ii) authority over amateur athletes who are minors, or (iii) are employees or board members of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association are required to take training. The specific training requirements can be found in Part II.



# **PART I**

## **ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING AND PREVENTION POLICIES**

All NGBs, LAOs, and the USOPC (the “Organization”) must implement proactive policies designed to prevent abuse. These organizational requirements are described below.

### **A. Organizational Requirements for Education & Training**

1. USA Archery must track whether Adult Participants under its jurisdiction complete the required training listed in Part II.
2. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must, every 12 months, offer and, subject to parental consent, give training to minor athletes on the prevention and reporting of child abuse.
  - a. For training to minor athletes, USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must track a description of the training and how the training was offered and provided to minor athletes.
  - b. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association is not required to track individual course completions of minor athletes.
3. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must, every 12 months, offer training to parents on the prevention and reporting of child abuse.
  - a. For training to parents, USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must track a description of the training and how the training was offered and provided to parents.
  - b. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association is not required to track individual course completions of parents.

### **B. Required Prevention Policies and Implementation**

1. USA Archery must develop minor athlete abuse prevention policies to limit one- on-one interactions between a Minor Athlete and an Adult Participant. These policies must contain the mandatory components of the Center’s model policies in Part III. These model policies cover:
  - a. Meetings
  - b. Individual training sessions
  - c. Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities and Manual Therapy

- d. Locker rooms and changing areas
  - e. Electronic communications
  - f. Transportation
  - g. Lodging and Residential Environments
2. The policies must be approved by the Center as described in subsection (C) below. The policies may include the recommended components in Part III and the recommended policies in Part IV. Given the uniqueness of each sport, however, some recommended components or policies may not be feasible or appropriate. Such concerns should be addressed with the Center during the Policy Approval and Submission Process discussed below. USA Archery may choose to implement stricter standards than the model policies.
  3. USA Archery must also require that its LAOs implement these policies within each LAO.
  4. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must implement these policies for all In-Program Contact.
    - a. At sanctioned events and facilities partially or fully under its jurisdiction, the Organization must take steps to ensure the policies are implemented and followed.
    - b. For In-Program Contact that occurs outside USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association's sanctioned event or facilities, implementing these policies means:
      - i. Communicating the policies to individuals under its jurisdiction;
      - ii. Establishing a reporting mechanism for violations of the policies;
      - iii. Investigating and enforcing violations of the policies.
  5. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must have a reporting mechanism to accept reports that an Adult Participant is violating USA Archery's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. The Organization must appropriately investigate and resolve any reports received, unless the violation is reported to the Center and it exercises jurisdiction over the report. This requirement is in addition to requirements to report abuse under the SafeSport Code.

### **C. Policy Approval and Submission Process**

1. USA Archery may adopt the mandatory minimum requirements of the MAAPP as-is or adapt it to fit their needs. Regardless, USA Archery must submit their policies to the Center at [compliance@safesport.org](mailto:compliance@safesport.org) for review and approval by April 1, 2024. The Center will approve, approve with modifications, or deny the policies. If the Center denies the proposed policy, the mandatory components of Part III of the Center's Model MAAPP

become the default policy until the Center approves the policy.

2. USA Archery must require their LAOs to incorporate the mandatory components of Part III. USA Archery may require that their LAOs implement USA Archery's policies, which may be more stringent than the policies in Part III.
3. The mandatory components of Part III will serve as the default policy for any Organization that fails to develop its own policy as required by this section.

Any changes made to USA Archery's MAAPP after the policy is approved must be submitted to the Center for approval. The previously approved MAAPP will remain in effect until written approval is provided to USA Archery from the Center.

## **PART II EDUCATION & TRAINING POLICY**

### **A. Mandatory Child Abuse Prevention Training for Adult Participants**

#### 1. Adult Participants Required to Complete Training

- a. The following Adult Participants must complete the *SafeSport® Trained Core Course* through the Center's online training:
  - i. Adult Participants who have regular contact with any amateur athlete(s) who is a minor;
  - ii. Adult Participants who have authority over any amateur athlete(s) who is a minor;
  - iii. Adult Participants who are an employee or board member of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association.
- b. Adult Participants who are medical providers required to take training under Section (a) can take the Health Professionals Course in lieu of the *SafeSport® Trained Core Course*.

#### 2. Timing of Training

Adult Participants must complete this training before regular contact with an amateur athlete who is a minor begins or within the first 45 days of either initial membership or upon beginning a new role subjecting the adult to this policy, whichever comes first.

#### 3. Refresher Training

The above-listed Adult Participants must complete a refresher course every 12 months, beginning the calendar year after completing the *SafeSport® Trained Core Course*. Every four years, Adult Participants will complete the *SafeSport® Trained Core Course* training. Medical providers can take the Health Professionals Course in lieu of the *SafeSport® Trained Core Course* and are required to take the refresher courses on an annual basis if they meet the criteria for A(1).

### **B. Minor Athlete Training Must Be Offered**

1. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association, every 12 months, must offer and, subject to parental consent, give training to minor athletes on the prevention and reporting of child abuse.
2. The Center offers youth courses, located at [safesporttrained.org](http://safesporttrained.org), that meet this requirement.

### **C. Parent Training Must Be Offered**

1. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association, every 12 months, must offer training to parents on the prevention and reporting of child abuse.
2. The Center offers a parent course, located at [safesporttrained.org](https://safesporttrained.org), that meets this requirement.

#### **D. Optional Training**

1. Adult Participants serving in a volunteer capacity, who will **not** have regular contact with or authority over any amateur athlete(s) who is a minor, should take the Center's brief Volunteer Course (or *SafeSport® Trained Core Course*) before engaging or interacting with any minor athlete(s).
2. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association may provide training *in addition to* the *SafeSport® Trained Core Course*, although they cannot refer to this training as "SafeSport" training. **Training other than the SafeSport Trained Core Course or Refresher does not satisfy this policy.**
3. Parents of minor athletes are provided free online access to the Center's parent course and are encouraged to take the training.

#### **E. Exemptions and Accommodations**

The Center's online training courses contain information about various forms of abuse. The courses do not include graphic descriptions of abuse or show violent images or video. The content may be uncomfortable or trigger trauma for some participants.

1. Exemptions to the online training requirement may be requested by survivors of abuse and misconduct. Survivors of abuse can request an exemption by contacting the Center directly to request an exemption at [exemptions@safesport.org](mailto:exemptions@safesport.org) or by contacting USA Archery at [athletesafety@usarchery.org](mailto:athletesafety@usarchery.org). All exemptions granted by the Center or USA Archery in this category are considered indefinite and do not need to be re-requested every year.
2. Exemptions to the online training requirement for reasons other than survivor of abuse and misconduct are limited to cognitive or physical disability or language barrier. Requests for these exemptions must be made by the individual to USA Archery at [athletesafety@usarchery.org](mailto:athletesafety@usarchery.org). USA Archery will determine whether to grant the exemption. If USA Archery grants the exemption, USA Archery must preserve documentation that the exemption was granted and for what duration.
3. The Center has several options available to assist individuals in completing the online training courses, including screen reader-compatible versions and course availability in several languages, including English, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Russian, German, and Japanese. If none of the available options will fit the individual's needs, USA Archery may

determine whether to grant an exemption.

## PART III

### REQUIRED POLICIES FOR ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS

The U.S. Center for SafeSport recognizes that youth-adult relationships can be healthy and valuable for development. Policies on one-on-one interactions protect children while allowing for these beneficial relationships. As child sexual abuse is often perpetrated in isolated, one-on-one situations, it is critical that organizations limit such interactions between youth and adults and implement programs that reduce the risk of sexual abuse.

**All one-on-one In-Program Contact between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must be *observable and interruptible*, except in emergency circumstances or with a documented exception.**

#### EXCEPTIONS

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There are certain relationships and situations in which one-on-one interactions may be allowed or necessary. This section identifies policy exceptions for close-in-age relationships, Personal Care Assistants, dual relationships, and emergencies.

**The following exceptions are applicable within all Required Prevention Policies unless otherwise noted.**

#### A. Mandatory Components

1. A Close-in-Age Exception

The purpose of this exception is to allow for continued relationships among athletes on the same team.

This exception allows for one-on-one In-Program Contact between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete if:

- a. The Adult Participant has **no** authority over the Minor Athlete; and
- b. The Adult Participant is not more than 4 years older (determined by birth date) than the Minor Athlete.

***Note: This exception is different than the close-in-age exception in the [SafeSport Code](#) pertaining to misconduct.***

2. Exceptions for Adult Participant Personal Care Assistants Working with a Minor Athlete

This exception exists for Adult Participants who also assist a parasport athlete with activities of daily living and preparation for athletic participation.

This exception allows for one-on-one In-Program Contact between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete if the following requirements are met:

- a. the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Archery for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and
- b. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and
- c. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Archery's Safe Sport Policy and Background Screen Criteria and Review Policy.

3. Exceptions for Dual Relationships

This exception allows for one-on-one In-Program Contact when the Adult Participant has a relationship with a Minor Athlete that is outside of the sport program. The exception requires written consent of the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian at least annually. The consent must identify for which Required Prevention Policies the parent/guardian is allowing the one-on-one In-Program Contact.

4. Emergency Exception

This exception applies to all Required Prevention Policies for situations where an Adult Participant must violate requirement(s) of the MAAPP due to an emergency. Adult Participants must carefully consider whether specific circumstances meet the threshold of "emergency." Adult Participants should document emergency situations in accordance with USA Archery's protocols as outlined in Part V of this policy.

The Center recommends parents take training on child abuse prevention before providing consent to the above exceptions. The Center offers a free Parent Course at [safesporttrained.org](https://safesporttrained.org).



## MEETINGS

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Sexual abuse often happens when children are alone with their abusers. This section provides policies for meetings to limit one-on-one interactions between children and adults, including mental health care professionals and licensed health care providers.

### A. Mandatory Components

1. Observable and Interruptible

- a. Adult Participants must ensure that all In-Program meetings with Minor Athletes be observable and interruptible, unless an exception exists.

2. Meetings with licensed mental health care professionals and health care providers (other than athletic trainers<sup>4</sup>)

If a licensed mental health care professional, licensed health care provider, or a student under the supervision of a licensed mental health care professional or licensed health care provider, meets one-on-one with a Minor Athlete at a sanctioned event or a facility, which is partially or fully under USA Archery, USA Archery Club, or State Association's jurisdiction, the meeting must be observable and interruptible except:

- a. If the door remains unlocked; and
- b. Another adult is present at the facility and notified that a meeting is occurring, although the Minor Athlete's identity needs not be disclosed; and
- c. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association is notified that the professional or provider will be meeting with a Minor Athlete; and,
- d. The professional or provider obtains consent consistent with applicable laws and ethical standards, which can be withdrawn at any time.

### B. Recommended Components

1. Parent Training

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to have a meeting or training session with an Adult Participant subject to these policies.

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<sup>4</sup> Athletic trainers who are covered under these policies must follow the “**Manual Therapy and Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities**” policy.

## **INDIVIDUAL TRAINING SESSIONS**

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Some abusers will single out athletes for special one-on-one instruction. This kind of isolation provides opportunities for abuse to occur. This section establishes rules for individual training sessions to protect youth athletes from uncomfortable or unsafe situations.

### **A. Mandatory Components**

1. Observable and Interruptible

Adult Participants must ensure all In-Program individual training sessions with a Minor Athlete be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists.

2. Consent

The Adult Participant providing the individual training session must receive advance, written consent from the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian at least annually, which can be withdrawn at any time; and

3. Parent Observation

Parents/guardians must be allowed to observe the individual training session.

### **B. Recommended Components**

1. Monitoring

If a permitted meeting or training session takes place between an Adult Participant(s) and a Minor Athlete(s) at a facility partially or fully under USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association's jurisdiction, another Adult Participant will monitor each meeting or training session. Monitoring includes reviewing the parent/guardian consent form, knowing that the meeting or training session is occurring, knowing the approximate planned duration of the meeting or training session, and dropping in on the meeting or training session.

2. Parent Training

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to have a meeting or training session with an Adult Participant subject to these policies.

## MANUAL THERAPY AND THERAPEUTIC AND RECOVERY MODALITIES<sup>5</sup>

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Many athletes require therapies to prevent or treat injuries. However, these treatment sessions can place children in vulnerable positions, especially if they involve physical contact with adults. This section establishes standards for therapeutic and recovery modalities and manual therapy to reduce the risk of inappropriate contact between youth and adults.

### A. Mandatory Components

Note: Only the emergency exception applies within this policy.

#### 1. Observable and Interruptible

Adult Participants must ensure that all In-Program Contact during manual therapy and therapeutic modalities and recovery modalities with Minor Athletes must be observable and interruptible.

#### 2. Manual Therapy and Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities Requirements

Adult Participants must ensure all In-Program manual therapy and therapeutic and recovery modalities meet the following requirements:

- a. Have another Adult Participant physically present for the modality or manual therapy; and
- b. Have documented consent as explained in subsection (3) below; and
- c. Be performed with the Minor Athlete fully or partially clothed, ensuring that the breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals are always covered; and
- d. Allow parents/guardians in the room as an observer, except for competition or training venues that limit credentialing; and
- e. The provider must narrate the steps in the modality before taking them, seeking assent of the Minor Athlete throughout the process.

#### 3. Consent

- a. Providers of manual therapy, therapeutic modalities, or recovery modalities or USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association, when applicable, must obtain consent at least annually from Minor Athletes' parents/guardians before providing any manual therapy, therapeutic modalities, or recovery modalities.
- b. Minor Athletes or their parents/guardians can withdraw consent at any time.

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<sup>5</sup> Manual therapy and therapeutic and recovery modalities can be different for each sport. They can include, but are not limited to first aid, massage, taping, cupping, stretching, cryotherapy, neuromuscular stimulations, electrical stimulation, or other modalities within the scope of a Healthcare Provider's credentials.

## **B. Recommended Components**

### 1. Parent Training

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to receive a manual therapy, therapeutic modality, or recovery modality.

2. When possible, techniques should be used to reduce physical touch of Minor Athletes.

3. Only licensed providers should administer manual therapy, therapeutic modalities, or recovery modalities.

4. Coaches, regardless of whether they are licensed massage therapists, should not massage Minor Athletes.

## **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS**

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Young athletes may be especially vulnerable to abuse in changing areas where they are undressing and possibly showering. Appropriate monitoring is necessary in these areas to prevent abuse and other inappropriate conduct. This section outlines policies for locker rooms and changing areas to ensure privacy and safety.

### **A. Mandatory Components**

#### **1. Observable and Interruptible**

Adult Participants must ensure that all In-Program Contact with Minor Athlete(s) in a locker room, changing area, or similar space where Minor Athlete(s) are present is observable and interruptible, unless an exception exists.

#### **2. Conduct in Locker Rooms, Changing Areas, and Similar Spaces**

- a. No Adult Participant or Minor Athlete can use the photographic or recording capabilities of any device in locker rooms, changing areas, or any other area designated as a place for changing clothes or undressing.
- b. Adult Participants must not remove their clothes or behave in a manner that intentionally or recklessly exposes their breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to a Minor Athlete in a locker room or changing area.
- c. Adult Participants must not shower with Minor Athletes unless:
  - i. The Adult Participant meets the Close-in-Age Exception; or
  - ii. The shower is part of a pre- or post-activity rinse while wearing swimwear.
- d. Parents/guardians may request in writing that their Minor Athlete(s) not change or shower with Adult Participant(s) during In-Program Contact. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association and the Adult Participant(s) must abide by this request.

#### **3. Media and Championship Celebrations in Locker Rooms**

USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association may permit recording or photography in locker rooms for the purpose of highlighting a sport or athletic accomplishment if:

- a. Parent/legal guardian consent has been obtained; and
- b. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association approves the specific instance of recording or photography; and
- c. Two or more Adult Participants are present; and
- d. Everyone is fully clothed.

4. Personal Care Assistants

Adult Participant Personal Care Assistants are permitted to be with and assist Minor Athlete(s) in locker rooms, changing areas, and similar spaces where other Minor Athletes are present, if they meet the requirements detailed on page 14.

5. Availability and Monitoring of Locker Rooms, Changing Areas, and Similar Spaces

- a. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must provide a private or semi-private place for Minor Athletes that need to change clothes or undress at sanctioned events or facilities partially or fully under USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association's jurisdiction.
- b. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association must monitor the use of locker rooms, changing areas, and similar spaces to ensure compliance with these policies at sanctioned events or facilities partially or fully under USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association's jurisdiction.

## **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS<sup>6</sup>**

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Technology has made it easier for teams to communicate and share information. Unfortunately, it also makes it easier for abusers to contact children without supervision or share inappropriate images and video. This section sets standards for appropriate electronic communications between youth and adults.

### **A. Mandatory Components**

#### **1. Open and Transparent**

- a. All one-on-one electronic communications between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must be Open and Transparent, unless an exception exists.
- b. “Open and Transparent” means that the Adult Participant copies or includes the Minor Athlete’s parent/guardian, another adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant on every communication.
  - If a Minor Athlete communicates with the Adult Participant first, the Adult Participant must follow this policy if the Adult Participant responds.
- c. Only platforms that allow for Open and Transparent communication may be used to communicate with Minor Athletes.

#### **2. Team Communication**

When an Adult Participant communicates electronically to the entire team or any number of Minor Athletes on the team, the Adult Participant must copy or include the Minor Athletes’ parents/guardians, another adult family member of the Minor Athletes, or another Adult Participant.

Example: A coach texts 10 Minor Athletes traveling to an event. The coach must also include a parent/guardian or another adult family member for each Minor Athlete (i.e. 20 recipients in total) or include another Adult Participant (i.e. 11 recipients in total).

#### **3. Content**

All electronic communication originating from an Adult Participant(s) to a Minor Athlete(s) must be professional in nature unless an exception exists.

#### **4. Requests to Discontinue**

Parents/guardians may request in writing that USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association or an Adult Participant not contact their Minor Athlete through any form of

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<sup>6</sup> Electronic communications include, but are not limited to: email, phone calls, videoconferencing, video coaching, texting, social media, or through any other electronic medium.

electronic communication. USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association and the Adult Participant must abide by any request to discontinue, absent emergency circumstances.

## **B. Recommended Components**

### 1. Hours

Electronic communications should generally be sent only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. local time for the location of the Minor Athlete. Exceptions exist for emergencies and event-related international travel.

### 2. Social Media Connections

Adult Participants, except those with a Dual Relationship or who meet the Close-in-Age Exception, are not permitted to have private social media connections with Minor Athletes and should discontinue existing social media connections with Minor Athletes.



## **TRANSPORTATION**

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Athletes are often carpooling or traveling without the supervision of their parent/guardian to practices and competitions. This can place them in vulnerable positions where they are susceptible to abuse. This section establishes policies for adults transporting children to or from sport activities.

### **A. Mandatory Components**

#### 1. Observable and Interruptible

Adult participants must ensure that all In-Program Contact during Transportation is Observable and Interruptible unless an exception exists or:

- a. The Adult Participant has advanced, written consent to transport the Minor Athlete one-on-one, obtained at least annually from the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian. Minor Athlete(s) or their parent/guardian can withdraw consent at any time.
- b. The Adult Participant is accompanied by another Adult Participant or at least two minors who are at least 8 years of age.

#### 2. Additional Requirements for Transportation Authorized or Funded by USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association

- a. Written consent from a Minor Athlete's parent/guardian is required for all transportation authorized or funded by USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association at least annually.
- b. Minor Athlete(s) or their parent/guardian can withdraw consent at any time.

### **B. Recommended Components**

#### 1. Shared or Carpool Travel Arrangement

USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association encourages parents/guardians to pick up their Minor Athlete first and drop off their Minor Athlete last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.

#### 2. Parent Training

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to travel one-on-one with an Adult Participant.

## **LODGING AND RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTS**

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Youth athletes traveling overnight face greater risk of sexual abuse if they are traveling without their parent/guardian. Abusers can take advantage of the situation by trying to have unsupervised time alone with children. This section sets rules for sleeping arrangements and room monitoring to protect athletes during overnight travel.

### **A. Mandatory Components**

#### **1. Observable and Interruptible**

All In-Program Contact during lodging must be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists.

- a. Lodging arrangements covered under this policy include, but are not limited to, hotel stays, rentals (i.e., Airbnb, VRBO, HomeToGo, etc.), and long-term residential environments, including lodging at training sites and billeting.

#### **2. Hotel Rooms and Other Sleeping Arrangements**

- a. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete(s), unless an exception exists **and** the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association or Adult Participant with advance, written consent for each specific lodging arrangement.
- b. Written consent from a Minor Athlete's parent/guardian must be obtained for all In-Program lodging at least annually.
- c. Minor Athlete(s) or their parent/guardian can withdraw consent at any time.

#### **3. Monitoring or Room Checks During In-Program Travel**

If USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association or team performs room checks during In-Program lodging, the one-on-one interaction policy must be followed and at least two adults must be present for the room checks.

#### **4. Additional Requirements for Lodging Authorized or Funded by the Organization**

Adult Participants that travel overnight with Minor Athlete(s) are assumed to have Authority over Minor Athlete(s) and thus must comply with the Education and Training policy outlined in Part II, unless the Adult Participant meets the Close-in-Age exception.

### **B. Recommended Components**

#### **Parent Training**

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for lodging arrangements under this policy.

### **C. Residential Environments and Billeting**

## **Overview**

USAA hosts one dedicated, full-time residential environment, along with short-term training options, full-time off campus programs, and camps with optional housing. USAA also sends athletes to international events and camps. All of these programs and events are available to Minor Athletes.

USAA provides on-campus housing for residential environments located at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center. USAA Contractors may arrange and provide on-campus housing for various regional and national camps. USAA may assist or facilitate billeting as requested. For all other programs, USAA may suggest lodging and/or may facilitate billeting as requested. For international events and camps, USAA arranges and coordinates lodging.

An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete(s), unless an exception exists as outlined in A. Mandatory Components, 2. Hotel Rooms and Other Sleeping Arrangements.

In most circumstances, any additional costs accrued to house Minor Athlete(s) in compliance with this policy will be billed to USAA. With the exception that separate housing is a condition of a Temporary Measure as issued by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, in which the person subject to those conditions is responsible for any additional costs accrued.

If an exception exists that allows for one-on-one interactions, such as dual relationships, and an applicable consent form is on file, it does not mean that either authorized party has to engage in one-on-one interactions. Should an Adult Participant and Minor Athlete, authorized to have one-on-one interactions feel uncomfortable, they can remove themselves from that situation and/or ask another person to be present.

## **Residential Environments**

For residential environments located at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center, the above provisions apply; an Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete(s), unless an exception exists and an applicable consent form is on file, to include residing in a suite with a Minor Athlete.

All attempts should be made to first house any Minor Athlete(s) independently of any Adult Participant, regardless of whether an exception exists and the applicable consent form is on file, as a suite has the potential for non-observable and non-interruptible one-on-one interactions. All interactions must be observable and interruptible, or an exception must exist and the applicable consent form on file.

A suite is defined, similar to that of a two-bedroom apartment, such that it has a shared living space and kitchen, and there are two bedrooms, each with two individuals per room.

## **Billeting**

USAA may facilitate billeting as an alternative option for a residential environment, including short-term training options, full-time off campus programs, and camps with optional housing. Billeting is not permitted for international events and camps.

As it relates to billeting, all individuals residing in the home of a host family who are 18 years of age or older are considered to be Adult Participants within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement pursuant to part (d) of the Adult Participant definition.

Host family must comply with the following:

- Ensure all adults 18 years of age or older who reside in the home have completed the SafeSport® Trained Core or a Refresher course (if not already completed within the last 12 months).
- Ensure all interactions between Adult Participants and Minor Athletes at the host family home are observable and interruptible.
- Get consent from the Minor Athlete's parent or guardian for transportation (if not observable and interruptible) and lodging.
- Ensure all electronic communications are open and transparent.

The Organization or Adult Participant arranging billeting must:

- Check Adult Participants against the Organizational Exclusion List.
- Confirm all Adult Participants in the host family have completed the SafeSport® Trained Core or a Refresher Course within the last 12 months.
- Explain the MAAPP and requirements that host families need to follow while billeting.

If a parent or guardian arranges lodging with family or family friends who have not been identified as a host family, this arrangement would not qualify as billeting.

## **International Travel and Camps**

An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete(s), unless an exception exists as outlined in A. Mandatory Components, 2.

Hotel Rooms and Other Sleeping Arrangements.

Room checks must be conducted pursuant to *A. Mandatory Components, 3. Monitoring or Room Checks During In-Program Travel* for any international event with Minor Athletes.

#### **D. Minor Athlete Safety Plan**

All Adult Participants, to include Staff and Coaches, Minor Athletes, their parents/legal guardians, and/or host families must adhere to and acknowledge the Minor Athlete Safety Plan (Appendix A). The Minor Athlete Safety Plan reiterates expectations for participation in compliance with this policy.

## **PART IV**

### **RECOMMENDED POLICIES FOR KEEPING YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE**

#### **A. Out-of-Program Contact**

Adult Participants, who do not meet the Close-in-Age Exception nor have a Dual Relationship with a Minor Athlete, should not have out-of-program contact with Minor Athlete(s) without legal/parent guardian consent, even if the out-of-program contact is not one-on-one.

#### **B. Gifting**

1. Adult Participants, who do not meet the Close-in-Age Exception nor have a Dual Relationship with a Minor Athlete, should not give personal gifts to Minor Athlete(s).
2. Gifts that are equally distributed to all athletes and serve a motivational or educational purpose are permitted.

#### **C. Photography/Video**

1. Photographs or videos of athletes may only be taken in public view and must observe generally accepted standards of decency.
2. Adult Participants should not publicly share or post photos or videos of Minor Athlete(s) if the Adult Participant has not obtained the parent/guardian and Minor Athlete's consent.

## **PART V**

### **USA ARCHERY EMERGENCY EXCEPTION PROTOCOLS**

When a situation arises that is out of the control of the Adult Participant, it's important to assess if the emergency exception applies. First, the Adult Participant should ask the following questions to determine if a situation is an emergency that warrants an exception.

1. Is there a threat to safety? Is anyone in danger?
2. Is someone injured? Does that injury require immediate care?
3. Is the Adult Participant able to remedy the situation while still following the Required Prevention Policies?
4. Is the Adult Participant able to contact another Adult Participant or the Minor Athlete's parent or guardian safely and reasonably to avoid a one-on-one interaction? This can be done in person or electronically.

Emergencies may include, but are not limited to, dangerous or unexpected weather, injuries, unexpected events and last-minute changes, threat to personal safety or reporting a concern.

In case of an emergency, as defined in the Terminology section of this policy, the following protocols should be utilized:

- Email USA Archery at [athletesafety@usarchery.org](mailto:athletesafety@usarchery.org) as soon as possible.
- Include a narrative explaining the steps taken when assessing whether an emergency exists.
- Include how and when the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian was contacted, what was explained, and any response.
- Include any interactions with law enforcement or emergency medical personnel to include a case report number, if available.

## TERMINOLOGY

**Adult Participant:** Any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

- a. A member or license holder of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association;
- b. An employee or board member of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association;
- c. Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association;
- d. Authorized, approved, or appointed by USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association to have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes.<sup>7</sup>

**Amateur Athlete:** An athlete who meets the eligibility standards established by the National Governing Body for the sport in which the athlete competes.

**Authority:** When one person's position over another person is such that, based on the totality of the circumstances, they have the power or right to direct, control, give orders to, or make decisions for that person. Also see the [Power Imbalance definition in the SafeSport Code](#). *Note: NGBs and the USOPC must submit/include categories of members/individuals that fall under the definition, including specific volunteer designations.*

**Billeting:** A residential environment facilitated by an Adult Participant, USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association, or sanctioned event staff in which a Minor Athlete is temporarily housed in a private home with an adult or family who is not related to or known by the Minor Athlete. This lodging arrangement is in conjunction with an activity related to sport.

**Close-in-Age Exception:** An exception applicable to certain policies when an Adult Participant does not have authority over a Minor Athlete *and* is not more than 4 years older than the Minor Athlete (e.g., a 19-year-old and a 16-year-old). *Note: This exception only applies within the prevention policies and not regarding conduct defined in the SafeSport Code.*

**Dual Relationships:** An exception applicable to certain policies when an Adult Participant has a relationship with a Minor Athlete outside of the sport program and the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent at least annually authorizing the exception. Dual relationships may include, but is not limited to siblings, other immediate family members, grandparents, family, friends, and training partners.

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<sup>7</sup> This may include volunteers, medical staff, trainers, chaperones, monitors, contract personnel, bus/van drivers, officials, adult athletes, staff, board members, and any other individual who meets the Adult Participant definition.



**In-Program Contact:** Any contact (including communications, interactions, or activities) between an Adult Participant and any Minor Athlete(s) related to participation in sport.

Examples of In-Program Contact include, but are not limited to: competition, practices, camps/clinics, training/instructional sessions, pre/post game meals or outings, team travel, review of game film, team- or sport-related relationship building activities, celebrations, award ceremonies, banquets, team- or sport-related fundraising or community service, sport education, or competition site visits.

**Local Affiliated Organization (LAO):** A USA Archery state association or club that is governed by USA Archery.

**Minor Athlete:** An Amateur Athlete under 18 years of age who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, an event, program, activity, or competition that is part of, or partially or fully under the jurisdiction of, USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association.<sup>8</sup>

**Partial or Full Jurisdiction:** Includes any sanctioned event (including all travel and lodging in connection with the event) by USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association or any facility that USA Archery, USA Archery Club or State Association owns, leases, or rents for practice, training, or competition.

**National Governing Body (NGB):** A U.S. Olympic National Governing Body or Pan American Sport Organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. §§ 220501, et seq. This definition shall also apply to the USOPC, or other sports entity approved by the USOPC, when they have assumed responsibility for the management or governance of a sport included on the program of the Olympic, Paralympic, or Pan-American Games.

**Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant:** An Adult Participant who assists a parasport athlete who requires help with activities of daily living (ADL) and preparation for athletic participation. This support can be provided by a Guide for Blind or visually impaired athletes or can include assistance with transfer, dressing, showering, medication administration, and toileting. Personal Care Assistants are different for every athlete and should be individualized to fit their specific needs. When assisting a Minor Athlete, Adult Participant PCAs must be authorized by the athlete's parent/guardian.

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<sup>8</sup> This term shall also include any minor who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, a non-athlete role partially or fully under the jurisdiction of an NGB, USOPC, or LAO. Examples include, but are not limited to judges, coaches, or volunteers.

**Regular Contact:** Ongoing interactions during a 12-month period wherein an Adult Participant is in a role of direct and active engagement with any amateur athlete(s) who is a minor. This includes Club Directors, Club Officers, Coaches, Parent Volunteers, Adult Athlete Participants, or other Adult Participants determined by USA Archery to have Regular Contact.

**Residential Environment:** A place in which participants live or stay temporarily. Residential environments include, but are not limited to, onsite housing at training facilities, billeting, hotel stays, or rentals (i.e., Airbnb, VRBO, HomeToGo, etc.).

**Restricted Area Contact:**

Adult Participants in a position of authority or regular contact with Minor Athletes in restricted areas, including the Field of Play, during an event are required to follow the Education and Training requirements. This may include, but is not limited to Club Directors, Club Officers, Coaches, Parent Volunteers, and Adult Athlete Participants.

**U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC):** A federally chartered nonprofit corporation that serves as the National Olympic Committee and National Paralympic Committee for the United States.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **MINOR ATHLETE SAFETY PLAN**

The Minor Athlete Safety Plan is in place while participating in a USA Archery (USAA) High Performance (HP) program, international camp or event.

#### **Program Information**

The following section outlines the Program Contact for each USAA HP programs, international camp or event as well as specific provisions that should be adhered to at all times.

#### **RESIDENT ATHLETE PROGRAM AND SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM AT CHULA VISTA ELITE ATHLETE TRAINING CENTER (CVEATC)**

**Program Contact:** High Performance Program Coordinator, Head Coach, or their designee

#### **Provisions:**

- Parent/legal guardian of Minor Athlete, upon the Minor Athlete accepting an offer to train at CVEATC, will be contacted by USAA to discuss consent form types, applicability, MAAPP requirements as it relates to operating and non-operating hours. Please discuss with your Minor Athlete the Minor Athlete Safety Plan as a whole prior to accepting.
- Minor Athletes may train Monday through Saturday during operational hours. Minor Athletes may not be permitted to shoot on Sundays.
  - There are no USAA Staff on-site after hours, on weekends, or holidays. All contact must remain observable and interruptible, at least three people present during an interaction, or an exception exists and an applicable consent form is on file. All athletes should contact their Program Contact immediately should any issue arise.
- Minor Athletes may train without direction supervision from USAA staff and/or coaches, but only at regularly scheduled training times AND at least three people must be present.
- Minor Athletes are not permitted to leave campus one-on-one with an Adult Participant unless an exception exists, an applicable consent form is on file, AND USAA staff and/or coaches have been notified of and approved the outing. Minor Athletes may leave campus, without a consent form on file, with at least three people in total, if USAA staff and/or coaches have been notified of and approved the outing.
  - Outings include but are not limited to grocery shopping, running errands, team dinners, and field trips.
- Resident Athlete, which may be either a Minor Athlete and Adult Participant, is prohibited from entering other athletes' dorm suites without permission from the Athlete, and under no circumstances may an Athlete enter the suite of an athlete of the opposite sex or a minor unless assigned to that suite or room. Athletes must be respectful of their roommates at all times and seek permission from those in the room and/or suite prior to inviting permitted

- guests over. As a reminder, all interactions must be observable and interruptible.
- Under no circumstance may guests, athlete or non-athlete, visit suites housing minor athletes due to the potential to have incidental, unobservable one-on-one contact.

## **NATIONAL ELITE PROGRAM AT UNITED STATES PERFORMANCE CENTER (USPC)**

**Program Contact:** High Performance Program Manager, or their designee

### **Provisions:**

- Must adhere to athlete agreement as outlined in the National Elite Program Agreement and any agreements as provided by the USPC and University of North Carolina - Charlotte.

## **REGIONAL ELITE TRAINING CAMPS**

**Program Contact:** High Performance Program Manager, or their designee

### **Provisions:**

- Minor athletes are not permitted to train without direct supervision from USAA staff and/or appointed USAA coaches for the duration of their participation in the Program.
- All interactions during training and In-Program Contact must be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists and an applicable consent form is on file.
- If housing is offered, the Program Contact or their appointee must conduct room checks nightly with two (2) adults present, to ensure all minor athletes are safely in their rooms.
- Minor athletes must abide by quiet hours and curfew as set by program staff.
- Minor Athletes are not permitted to leave the camp without the permission of staff.

## **INTERNATIONAL CAMPS AND EVENTS**

**Program Contact:** International Teams Manager, Team Leader, or their designee

### **Provisions:**

- The Program Contact or their appointee must conduct room checks nightly at 9 P.M. with two (2) adults present, to ensure all minor athletes are safely in their rooms.
- Minor athletes must abide by quiet hours and curfew as set by program staff.
- Any departure from camp, event or lodging must be approved by staff.

## PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PROGRAMS

All participants agree to abide by and adhere to Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, SafeSport Code, and USAA policies and procedures for the duration of the USAA HP program or event. Key points are as follows:

- Both Adult Participants and Minor Athletes agree to abide by the Minor Athlete Safety Plan at all times.
- As all participants, both Minor Athletes and Adult Participants, acknowledge that as the participants wouldn't otherwise have contact if it was not for their participation in the program, that all contact is considered In-Program contact. This includes but is not limited to dining, commuting, outings, activities of daily living, team building, and other interactions.
- Must adhere to curfew and quiet hours as outlined in the Program Agreement.
- Adult Participants may not have any one-on-one interactions with a Minor Athlete in a private, unobservable, or uninterruptible space unless an exception exists, AND an applicable consent form is on file with USAA.
- Adult Participants (i.e. coaches, staff, athletes) may use electronic communications to communicate with Minor Athletes but must include one additional Adult Participant (i.e. assistant coach, staff) OR a parent/guardian or adult family member for each Minor Athlete, unless an exception exists, and an applicable consent form is on file.
- Best practices advise that Adult Participants should not send electronic communications outside of the following local hours: 8:00am to 8:00pm.
- Best practices advise that Adult Participants should refrain from any private social media connections with Minor Athletes.
- All provisions for one-on-one contact may be waived in the event of an emergency. Emergency must be properly documented pursuant to *Part V, USA Archery Emergency Exception Protocols*. All attempts should be made to contact the parent/legal guardian of the minor athlete as soon as reasonably possible.
- All participants agree to notify either their Program Contact, USA Archery, or file a report immediately if they observe, suspect, are aware of, or had non-interruptible and/or non-observable contact with an Adult Participant that their parent/legal guardian did not authorize, an exception does not exist, and/or no consent form is on file.
- Adult Participants that travel overnight or are housed on campus with Minor Athlete(s) are assumed to have Authority over Minor Athlete(s) and thus must comply with the Education and Training policy outlined in Part II, unless the Adult Participant meets the Close-in-Age exception.
- Parent/legal guardians acknowledge that there are times in residential environments, including, but not limited to weekends, holidays, and after business hours, where no staff nor coaches will be on campus and there will be no adult supervision available. Should an issue arise, Minor Athletes should contact their parent/legal guardian and program contact immediately.
- Even if an exception exists and applicable consent forms are on file allowing for one-on-one interaction, it does not mean that either party must engage in one-on-one interactions. Should an Adult Participant or Minor Athlete, authorized to have one-on-one interactions feel uncomfortable,

- they can remove themselves from that situation and/or ask another person to be present.
- If an Adult Participant or Minor Athlete, at any time, had an interaction that they are unsure about, they are encouraged to send a written correspondence to their program contact to document the interaction.
  - In residential environments, Adult Participants are responsible for the whereabouts of minor athletes and should report if a minor athlete has violated the provisions, curfew, and restrictions of the Athlete Agreement and/or had one-on-one interactions that are not believed to be authorized by the parent/legal guardian.

### **After Hours/ Holidays**

If you have any questions after hours or holidays, please contact your Program Contact immediately.

### **How to Report**

Should you suspect or become aware of non-compliance with this agreement, MAAPP, the SafeSport Code, and/or USAA policies, you can make a report in the following ways:

- a. (Minor Athletes only) I can contact my parent/legal guardian
- b. (Minor Athletes only) I can contact the USAA Program contact
- c. I can report SafeSport concerns to USAA anonymously at <https://www.usarchery.org/about/report-a-concern> or by emailing [athletesafety@usarchery.org](mailto:athletesafety@usarchery.org)
- d. I can report SafeSport concerns to the U.S. Center for SafeSport directly by visiting [uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](http://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern) or calling 833-5US-SAFE
- e. I understand there are no associated costs or fees to report and that I may report anonymously

Adult participants who learn of information or reasonably suspects sexual misconduct, criminal charges or dispositions involving sexual misconduct, or misconduct involving minors, misconduct related to the Center's process, including aiding and abetting, abuse of process, and/or retaliation must report the incident(s) directly to the Center immediately pursuant to USAA's Response and Resolution Policy.