



USAA MAAPP and Consent Form Guidelines for Parents/Legal Guardians

Consent Forms

This document is designed to provide an overview of USA Archery's (USAA) Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and to assist parents/legal guardians in determining which Minor Athlete Consent Forms are required for various USAA programs.

Definitions

Adult Participant:

- A member of USA Archery;
- An employee or board member of USA Archery or USA Archery Clubs or State Associations;
- Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Archery or USA Archery Clubs or State Associations;
- Authorized, approved, or appointed by USA Archery or USA Archery Clubs or State Associations to have regular contact with or authority over Minor Athletes.

Close-in-Age:

- The Adult Participant has no authority over the Minor Athlete; and
- The Adult Participant is not more than four years older than the Minor Athlete.

Dual Relationship:

- When the Adult Participant has a dual role or relationship with a Minor Athlete, such as a friend or sibling (additional examples provided below).

In-Program Contact:

- If you are traveling for the purpose of participating in a USAA program and would not otherwise be at that location if it were not for the USAA program, all contact is considered In-Program for your time there, whether or not you are at the program location (i.e. training facility or approved lodging location). Examples may be:
 - Resident Athletes going grocery shopping;
 - Short-Term Program Users going to the mall; or
 - Athletes at International Events going sight-seeing.
- If a Minor Athlete wants to leave the program campus for any reason, this needs to be approved by USAA Staff and the appropriate Minor Consent Form must be on file with USAA.

For more information and/or to review USAA's MAAPP, access the policy [here](#).

When do you need a Consent Form?

Parent/legal guardians DO NOT need a consent form to lodge, transport, or interact with their Minor Athlete as it relates to one-on-one, In-Program contact in any capacity.

It is also important to know that Dual Relationship Consent Forms are not guaranteed to be approved; USAA has sole discretion to approve or deny the consent, regardless of parent/legal guardian

authorization. USAA takes into consideration a) age of the Minor Athlete, b) age of the Adult Participant, c) relationship, d) time known, e) and relationship details.

USAA developed a matrix (Appendix A) that outlines a variety of circumstances, relationships, and scenarios to assist parents/legal guardians in determining which, if any, consent form is required. It is important to note that the matrix does not encompass all the different circumstances, relationships, and scenarios that may arise. If you have specific questions about what Consent Forms, one-on-one interactions, or In-Program contact are permitted, please contact athletesafety@usarchery.org.

Please note, emailing USAA to authorize consent is not sufficient. A Consent Form needs to be completed and signed.

Examples

- Immediate family members who meet the Adult Participant criteria and do not meet the Close-in-Age Exception, MUST submit a Dual Relationship Consent Form, if applicable. Permissions for Lodging, Transportation, and One-on-One Interactions must also be signed within the same form. This can be submitted for each instance/event or annually.
 - Example: A sister and brother, whom are both USAA Members and will both be attending a USAA camp, are traveling together, and lodging together. The brother is 18 years old and is considered an Adult Participant, and the sister is 13 years old and is considered a Minor Athlete.
- Immediate family members who meet the Adult Participant criteria and meet the Close-in-Age Exception, MUST submit a Lodging Consent Form only for each instance.
 - Example: A sister and brother, whom are both USAA Members and will both be attending a USAA camp, are traveling together, and lodging together. The brother is 18 years old and is considered an Adult Participant, and the sister is 17 years old and is considered a Minor Athlete.
- Anyone who meets the Adult Participant criteria and does not meet the Close-in-Age Exception, MUST submit a Dual Relationship Consent Form, if applicable. Permissions for Transportation and One-on-One Interactions must also be signed within the same form. This can be submitted for each instance/event or annually.
 - Example: Two friends, whom are both USAA Members and will both be attending a USAA camp, are traveling together to the camp, and ask to go out sightseeing off campus, too. One friend is 20 years old and is considered an Adult Participant, and the other friend is 15 years old and is considered a Minor Athlete. Approval was also obtained by USAA Staff for both participants to go off campus.
- Anyone who meets the Adult Participant criteria, does not meet the Close-in-Age Exception, and does not have a Dual Relationship with the Minor Athlete MUST sign the appropriate consent forms.
 - Example: A Minor Athlete, whom is a USAA Member and attending a USAA camp, forgot some of their toiletries and needs to go to the store. Another participant, whom is also an Adult Participant and attending the same USAA camp, drives the Minor Athlete to the store. The interactions at the store are observable and interruptible.

- Immediate family members who do not meet the Adult Participant criteria, regardless of the Close-in-Age Exception, ARE NOT required to submit any consent forms.
 - Example: A sister and brother, of whom, only the sister is a USAA Member, will be traveling together and staying together while sister attends a USAA camp. The brother is 18 years old, however, is not considered an Adult Participant, and the sister is 13 years old and is considered a Minor Athlete.
 - Example: A Minor Athlete will be staying with their grandparents, who are not USAA Members, during a camp and the grandparents will be transporting the Minor Athlete to the camp.
- Anyone who meets the Adult Participant criteria and meet the Close-in-Age Exception, ARE NOT required to submit any consent forms.
 - Example: Two friends, whom are both USAA Members and are both attending a USAA camp, are traveling together, and lodging together during the camp. One friend is 19 years old and is considered an Adult Participant, and the other friend is 17 years old and is considered a Minor Athlete.

SafeSport Training for Minor Athletes

Minor Athletes are not required to take SafeSport training, however, have access to the training through the Sport:80 portal. SafeSport for Youth Athletes is designed for Minor Athletes 13 years of age and older. SafeSport for Kids is designed for Minor Athletes 5-12 years of age.

If you have questions, please email athletesafety@usarchery.org.

Helpful Links

[Minor Athlete Safety Abuse Prevention Policies](#)

[Athlete Safety Resources for Coaches and Club Leaders](#)

[Consent Forms](#)



Appendix A

Activity	Relationship to Minor Athlete	Adult Participant?	Dual Relationship?	Close-in-Age Exception?	Personal Care Assistant?	Forms Required	One-on-One Interactions Allowed?
Off Campus Day Activity¹	Adult	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	None	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	--	Dual Relationship- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	--	Transportation	Yes Transportation Only- Other One-on-One interactions must be observable and interruptible
	Adult	Yes	No	Yes	--	None	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	No	--	--	--	None	Yes- These are not covered by MAAPP
	Minor	--	--	--	--	None	Yes
	Parent/ Guardian	--	--	--	--	None	Yes

¹ With approval from USAA Staff

Activity	Relationship to Minor Athlete	Adult Participant?	Dual Relationship?	Close-in-Age Exception?	Personal Care Assistant?	Forms Required	One-on-One Interactions Allowed?
Electronic Communications	Adult	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	None	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	--	Dual Relationship- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	--	Not Permitted- Second Adult Participant is Required for Open and Transparent Communication	No
	Adult	Yes	No	Yes	--	None	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	No	--	--	--	None	Yes
	Minor	--	--	--	--	None	Yes
	Parent/ Guardian	--	--	--	--	None	Yes

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Lodging	Adult	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Dual Relationship- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	--	Dual Relationship- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	--	Not Permitted	No
	Adult	Yes	No	Yes	--	Lodging	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	No	--	--	--	None	Yes
	Minor	--	--	--	--	None	Yes
	Parent/ Guardian	--	--	--	--	None	Yes

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Transportation	Adult	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	None	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	--	Dual Relationship- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	--	Transportation	Yes Transportation Only- Other One-on-One interactions must be observable and interruptible
	Adult	Yes	No	Yes	--	None	Yes
	Adult	Yes	No	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Personal Care Assistant- Mark Additional Applicable Permissions	Yes
	Adult	No	--	--	--	None	Yes- These are not covered by MAAPP
	Minor	--	--	--	--	None	Yes
	Parent/ Guardian	--	--	--	--	None	Yes