

# USA Gymnastics SAFE SPORT POLICY

## MAAPP

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Dear USA Gymnastics Member,

The U.S. Center for SafeSport 2022 *Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies* (MAAPP) has been released and will be effective January 1, 2022. A copy of the policy can be found [here](#).

The U.S. Center for SafeSport and USA Gymnastics are committed to building a sport community where Participants can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct.

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

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

To better understand the MAAPP, the 2022 Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies Manual found [here](#) provides guidance.

The MAAPP includes proactive prevention policies for organizations and individuals, while the SafeSport Code contains misconduct policies for individuals. We encourage you to become familiar with the SafeSport Code found [here](#) and to reach out if you have questions or concerns at [usagymsafesport@usagym.org](mailto:usagymsafesport@usagym.org).

The safety and well-being of athletes is dependent upon all of us. Help keep athletes safe by knowing who should report, what to report, when to report, and where to report.

**WHO** – Adult Participants who suspect misconduct or child abuse involving a minor participant has a duty to report prohibited conduct.

**WHAT** – Misconduct or child abuse as defined by the *USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy*, including *USA Gymnastics Prevention Policies*, or the *SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement* and the *U.S. Center for SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP)*.

**WHEN** – Report sexual misconduct or child abuse *immediately* to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

Any matter subject to the U.S. Center for SafeSport's exclusive jurisdiction, or violation of the MAAPP, must be reported directly to the U.S. Center for SafeSport, in a timely manner. Matters other than sexual misconduct, including emotional and physical misconduct, may also be reported to the Center.

Report any matter not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport directly to USA Gymnastics, including violations of the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy or Prevention Policies.

*USA Gymnastics and The U.S. Center for SafeSport will accept reports at any time regardless of when the misconduct occurred.*

**WHERE** – Report to USA Gymnastics [here](#). Report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport [here](#) or by calling 833.587.7233.

