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# Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) for Team Events

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# What is MAAPP and where did it come from?

- MAAPP came out of a mandate by Congress to the U.S. Center for SafeSport. The mandate was reduce risk areas for abuse in youth sports. The risk areas addressed by the policy are:
  - One-on-One Interactions
  - Social Media and Electronic Communications
  - Travel
  - Locker Rooms and Changing Areas
  - Massages and Rubdowns

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# Who needs to acknowledge and follow MAAPP?

- All Applicable Adults must agree to follow MAAPP requirements. Applicable Adults are:
  - All USA Swimming non-athlete members and adult athlete members (aged 18 and over)
  - Participating non-members (e.g. meet marshals, computer operators, timers, announcers)
  - LSC and club adult staff and board members
  - Any other adult authorized to have **regular contact with or authority over minor athletes**

# What is required to show compliance with MAAPP?

- Written acknowledgment by all adult athletes, parents, coaches and other non-athlete members of member clubs and LSCs is required annually.

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# What about meet volunteers?

- Volunteers (non-member participants) such as safety marshals, lane timers, computer operators, and announcers, will need to abide by MAAPP while volunteering at a meet or other team event.
- They do **NOT** need take APT, have a background check or become members of USA Swimming.
- They **will** need to acknowledge and abide by MAAPP while they are participating. The acknowledgement may be covered if they have previously responded to the club as in the case of a parent member of the club. For other non-member participants (i.e. a grandparent that is not a member of the club but helping as a lane timer), they will need to agree to follow MAAPP while they are volunteering.

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# How do we ensure volunteers know about MAAPP?

- Use the language for briefings document with your volunteers. Adapt it as necessary for the facility that you are in.
  - Starters can use the language with lane timers.
  - Deck referees and meet referees can use the language with officials and coaches.
- Use the summary policy and acknowledgment form for volunteers if there is any question on whether or not they have acknowledged MAAPP.
  - The summary policy has been tailored to address the most common areas where a volunteer will interact with minor athletes.
  - Have a full copy of the policy available in case someone would like to read it or point them to [USASwimming.org/MAAPP](https://USASwimming.org/MAAPP)
  - Ask volunteers to read the summary policy and sign for acknowledgment.

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# Questions?

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