



Starting September 1, 2021, all USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs are required to implement the updated Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy (MAAPP) in full. This resource is intended to provide information to the General Requirement section of the policy.

General Requirement

USA Swimming Zones, LSCs and member clubs are required to implement this Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy in full. The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy must be reviewed and agreed to in writing by all athletes, parents/legal guardians, coaches and other non-athlete members of member clubs on an annual basis with such written agreement to be retained by the club or LSC, as applicable.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does the requirement to implement this updated MAAPP in full replace the previous Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention policy released in June 2019?

A: Yes. The updated MAAPP contains new requirements throughout. Clubs and LSCs are required to implement this policy in full as sections of MAAPP are replacing the previous MAAPP policy. Additionally, this policy continues to replace the requirement to have separate policies in the areas of communication and electronic communication. [Note: USA Swimming rules continue to require clubs to establish an anti-bullying policy. MAAPP does not replace that requirement.]

Q: Do all Adult Participants have to review MAAPP and agree to it in writing?

A: No. Only athletes, parents, coaches and other non-athlete members of member clubs must review and agree to MAAPP in writing on an annual basis. This requirement does not extend to Participating non-members (e.g., meet marshals, meet computer operators, timers, etc.) who are not athletes, parents, coaches or other non-athlete members of member clubs.

Q: How long should a club retain the written agreement?

A: Clubs should retain the written agreement for the current year and replace it when the next annual written agreement is signed.

Q: Can the written agreement be completed electronically?

A: Yes. The written agreement can be completed electronically or on paper. The club can determine the most appropriate method for it to collect the written agreement.

Q: Do very young athlete members have to review and agree to MAAPP in writing?

A: No. It is sufficient for the athlete's legal guardian to certify in writing that MAAPP has been explained to the young athlete. The club can determine at what age it will require an athlete to individually agree to MAAPP in writing.