**\*\*\*FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION\*\*\***

**TO ALL SWIM FORT LAUDERDALE PARENTS-**

**“MAAPP”=Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy**

**(As of September 2019)**

**WHAT IS “MAAPP?”**

In May, 2019, USA-Swimming sent out a communication to all Members (Clubs) regarding the **“Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy”** (MAAPP). The U.S. Center for Safe Sport, via The United States Olympic Committee, has required the national governing bodies of all sports to implement “MAAPP”. “MAAPP” will apply to all adults who interact with and have direct and frequent contact with minor athletes, including adult athletes.

**Please visit the Swim Fort Lauderdale Team website for the “MAAPP” Policies.**

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR MEMBERS?**

Teams/Clubs hosting meets and competitions are expected to **ABIDE BY AND UPHOLD** the “MAAPP” rules while conducting those competitions.

**Meet Volunteers-**Individuals such as Marshals, Timers, Hospitality Workers or Computer Operators, etc. who are not USA Swimming members, **ARE STILL HELD RESPONSIBLE** to these Standards and new Rules.

**Any Related TEAM Function-**This would also be in effect for those helping with any other related TEAM function for the swimmers.

**\*WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?**

\* The reading and your acknowledgement of these rules is required yearly.

\* EACH Parent NEEDS to return a signed form. (Not one per family)

**\*** In order to abide by this new USA Swimming regulation, Swim Fort Lauderdale is requiring EACH and EVERY parent to read the “MAAPP” Policy and acknowledge that you have read the policy by signing and returning this form **BEFORE** October 1, 2019. (Good for one calendar year)

This updated MAAP Policy is located on our SFTL website

Thank you!

Swim Fort Lauderdale Coaching Staff

**As a current Swim Fort Lauderdale Parent, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by the “MAAPP” Policies as set forth by USA Swimming.**

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 **(Member Signature) (Printed Name) (Date)**