



M.A.A.P.P.



Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

In April of last year, USA Swimming rolled out a new Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy. LESD is a club of USA Swimming, and it is mandatory that each athlete, coach and non-athlete associated with the club adhere to these guidelines. The following policy allows USA Swimming to be a safe space for swimmers and non-swimmers in all areas, including one-on-one interactions, social media and electronic communications, travel: local and team, locker rooms and changing areas, and massages, rubdowns and athletic training modalities.

For the full policy as well as educational resources, please visit
www.USASwimming.org → SafeSport → M.A.A.P.P
<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policy>

APT Requirement for Adult Athletes

- 🇺🇸 There is an online training course and survey each **18+ year old athlete must complete EVERY year**
- 🇺🇸 Failure to stay certified with M.A.A.P.P. results in loss of eligibility to compete in meets or practices!
- 🇺🇸 Not the same as Free Safe Sport Training for Minor Athletes
- 🇺🇸 You can find the course and survey (do not forget to do the survey in addition to the course!) on the USA Swimming website
- 🇺🇸 Swimmers can see completion and expiration dates on the Deck Pass App or Deck Pass Online

One-on-One Interactions

- 🇺🇸 Must be in a location that is observable and interruptible (pool deck, main office, with windows, etc.)
- 🇺🇸 Phone calls must be done using speaker phone
- 🇺🇸 Does not apply in emergency situations

When does M.A.A.P.P. NOT Apply?

- 🇺🇸 NCAA recruiting or NCAA season
- 🇺🇸 OHSAA season at non-USA activities

Social Media/Electronic Communication

- 🇺🇸 All electronic communication must include a minor's legal guardian (text and email)
- 🇺🇸 Electronic communication must take place between 8 am and 8 pm
- 🇺🇸 Coaches cannot have social media connections with minors on personal pages (team pages are allowed)
- 🇺🇸 Another adult (coach, parent, board member, etc.) must be copied on group electronic exchanges
- 🇺🇸 Communication must be observable and interruptible
- 🇺🇸 18 year old athletes may still remain on social media and communicate with minor teammates, as long as they are not applicable adults
 - Applicable adults are those in power over younger swimmers, such as coaches or teachers
- 🇺🇸 Does not apply in emergency situations (i.e. morning practice cancelled, meet start delayed)

Locker Rooms and Changing Areas

- 🇺🇸 Adult athletes and minor athletes can share locker rooms
- 🇺🇸 Any devices (including cell phones) are prohibited in the locker room
- 🇺🇸 Guardians are discouraged from entering locker rooms

The M.A.A.P.P must be reviewed and agreed to in writing by all athletes, parents, coaches and other non-athlete members of each club on an annual basis with written agreement retained by the club.