

COR Swimming MAAPP Program

Effective Sept 1, the New **MAAPP Program** will be adopted by all USA Swim Clubs. **MAAPP program is Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.** The program is being fine tuned as you read this and we will hear more. Below are links to the paperwork and information that are currently available.

We are glad that USA Swimming is doing everything to protect our swimmers. The safety and protection of your children has and is our number one concern and also for USA Swimming. Among the changes .. Here are a few highlights that we have gone over with the swimmers.

- 1. One on One Emails, Texts:** A swimmer may text a coach, but a coach must include the parent on the reply. If a coach Texts a swimmer, the parent will be included. *(note - we still want your children to learn to communicate with us .. so we ask that they do text us .. and for you to be on the text ... and observe, but let them lead. It will allow them to still be accountable.)* Please make sure the coaches have your current cell phones. Thank you.
- 2. Group Texts or Emails:** When the coaches text or email a group of athletes (2 or more), another coach will be included on the texts and emails.
- 3. One on One Meetings or Talks:** They will be observable and easily interrupted. This has been a COR policy as well and will continue.
- 4. Time Frame:** Coaches will communicate between the hours of **8AM - 8PM**, unless at a travel meet and or in case of an emergency. If we need to reach your child, we will reach out to the parents.
- 5. Traveling and driving swimmers:** We may drive 2 or more at a time, with permission, we may drive one athlete only if an emergency or we must have a signed document. COR will continue with our policy that athletes sit in the back seat when there are 2 or less.

6. **Documents:** There will be forms and we will need to sign off on the policies soon for all members and parents. The forms are still in the process of being designed.
7. **All 18 & older Athletes are now required to take APT (Athlete Protection Training),** they must take this within 30 days of their 18th birthday or lose the right to compete. Our 18 year olds are taking it and our collegiate are on top of this as well.
8. **Locker Room and Changing Areas:** These areas are not monitored by a coach. You will need to be in and out as quickly as possible.
9. **Massage and Rubdowns:** COR Staff will no longer provide massaging or rub downs. If needed we will hire a professional who is also USA certified.
10. **Social Media and Electronic Communications:** As well as listed above, we will use Social Media to promote a positive safe environment for all.

Here is a link to FAQ documents and all the information that has been provided to us. Please note the specific links at the bottom of this page.

<http://www.usaswimming.org/MAAPP>

MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY are listed on our home page.

EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS are also updated on our home page.

Thank you for all of your support and we appreciate your time and thoughts.