As an athlete over age 18 who may interact with Minor Athletes, you have more responsibilities—to your Organization, to state and federal law—than you had as a minor. As an Adult Participant in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, you must follow the Required Prevention Policies of your Organization’s Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP).

1 | One-on-one interactions between you and Minor Athletes must be observable and interruptible.
2 | If you know or suspect child abuse, you are required to report it to law enforcement and the Center, and to follow any additional state law requirements.
3 | If you are no more than four years older than a Minor Athlete and do not have authority or control over them (as a coach would), a Close-in-Age exception may apply. This means that your one-on-one interactions with them do not always have to be observable and interruptible, in such settings as:
   » Practice and training
   » Electronic communications (including text and social media)
   » Changing and showering in locker rooms/changing areas
   » Transportation
   » Lodging

If you have regular contact with or authority over Minor Athletes, even if you are close in age, you must follow the MAAPP’s Education & Training Policy and take the required SafeSport™ Trained Core and Refresher courses.

If not, you can take the Center’s Adult Athlete course (uscenterforsafesport.org/training-and-education/training-and-education-services) to learn more about creating safe and positive sport environments.

Report any concern about abuse or misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport (uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/) or your organization.