

# WHAT USEF PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

ABOUT SAFE SPORT & THE USEF MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES (MAAPP)

## 1 USEF'S MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES (MAAPP)

*One-on-one interactions with minors must be observable and interruptible.*

- Adults must include another adult, the minor athlete's parent/guardian, or another adult family member of the minor athlete on all electronic communications with a minor unless a specified exception applies.
- An adult may travel with a minor in the presence of another adult or two other minors who are at least 8 years of age, or with written consent from the minor's legal guardian.\*
- Working students under 18 years of age who travel or live with a trainer must also have written consent from the working student's legal guardian to do so.\*
- If you observe or are made aware of any violation of these policies, you should resolve it if possible and report the violation to USEF.

\*Sample consent language is available on the USEF Safe Sport Page for [Parents](#)

## 2 SAFESPORT TRAINING FOR PARENTS

*Parents can take SafeSport training and make sure trainers and coaches are SafeSport trained.*

The [SafeSport Trained Core](#) course is available to members at no cost, and parents can take Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport, a free 30-minute course through the USEF website. Parents can also view the background check and training status of coaches, trainers, and other personnel through USEF's Safe Sport Directory. It is important for parents to know their child's coach, trainer, and other personnel, and also to familiarize themselves with Safe Sport requirements.

## 3 SAFESPORT TRAINING FOR JUNIOR COMPETITORS

*Make sure your kids are educated, too!*

While training is not required for junior competitors, they can find valuable information in the SafeSport for Kids (Ages 5-12) and SafeSport for Youth Athletes (Ages 13-17) courses. The USEF website contains a link for these courses as well as additional important information for junior competitors. One of the best ways to avoid abuse is to be prepared, informed, and know what to do if abuse occurs.

**\*Important Note:** The SafeSport training for junior competitors requires parental consent, which is given through the U.S. Center for SafeSport portal when you enroll.



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## REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

*Immediately upon learning of suspected or alleged sexual misconduct, USEF members must make a report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport. They must also report to local authorities if a minor is involved.*

Reports to the Center can be made electronically through the Center's website at [uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern). Individuals should not investigate or attempt to evaluate the credibility of allegations involving sexual misconduct. The Center's Response and Resolution team will investigate.

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## REPORTING PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL MISCONDUCT AND MAAPP VIOLATIONS

*US Equestrian has provided several ways to report abuse when recognized.*

1. Text 28733 (2USEF)
  - a. The sender's contact information remains unavailable to USEF.
  - b. When submitting your text, it is important to include any photos, videos, and other relevant information to the abuse claims.
2. Reporting Website
  - a. This site explains where to report different types of abuse.
  - b. Important helplines and resources are highlighted.

