



USA Field Hockey

SafeSport at Events

Overview

USA Field Hockey's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, Athlete Safety Policy, Code of Conduct, and Safe Sport reporting requirements are in place and enforced at all USA Field Hockey sanctioned activities, including events.

Please review the information below, the [USA Field Hockey Athlete Safety Policy](#) and [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#) before participating in any USA Field Hockey activity. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email fieldhockeysafe@usafieldhockey.com.

Reporting

All adult participants are Mandatory Reporters. An Adult Participant of USA Field Hockey who reasonably suspects that an incident(s) of Child Abuse, including sexual and physical abuse, or Sexual Misconduct has occurred is a mandatory reporter. To fulfill their mandatory reporting obligations, the Adult Participant must immediately report the incident(s) to law enforcement in accordance with any applicable state and federal laws. In addition, under the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, suspected incident(s) of Child Abuse or Sexual Misconduct must be reported to the Center within 24 hours. To learn more about your state and federal reporting options, [Click here](#).

If you see or hear a report of any form of abuse, whether it is sexual, physical, emotional or another type of abuse you are required to report that abuse within a 24-hour period. For sexual or child abuse, you must report to local authorities prior to (and in addition to) the Center. You must report sexual misconduct, criminal charges, misconduct related to reporting, where underlying allegations involve child abuse or sexual misconduct, aiding and abetting as it relates to the Center's process, misconduct related the Center's process, and other inappropriate conduct to the US Center for SafeSport through [its online reporting form](#) or by calling the Center at 833-587-7233. If you witness any violations of the MAAPP, or any physical or emotional abuse, please report it through [USA Field Hockey's online reporting form](#) or to fieldhockeysafe@usafieldhockey.com. Reports of emotional and physical misconduct can also be made directly to the Center.

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies

The [U.S. Center for SafeSport](#) created the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), a collection of proactive prevention and training policies for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement to help create a safer and healthier environment in which minor athletes can thrive.

The MAAPP was originally released in 2019 to support organizations and individuals in preventing abuse in sport and meeting requirements under federal law. As a member of USA Field Hockey and a participant at a USA Field Hockey event, you are required to follow these policies.

The MAAPP focuses on in-program contact between an adult participant and a minor athlete and covers

the following Required Prevention Policies: One-on-One Interaction, Meeting and Training Sessions, Manual Therapy and Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities, Locker Rooms and Changing Areas, Electronic Communications, Transportation, and Lodging.

One-on-One Interaction, Manual Therapy and Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities, Locker Rooms and Changing Areas apply at all facilities or locations that are partially or fully under the jurisdiction of USA Field Hockey. Partial or full jurisdiction includes the following:

- Any sanctioned event or competition by USA Field Hockey
- Any facility that USA Field Hockey owns, leases, or rents for competition, training or practices
- Any hotel or lodging that the team is using when traveling to a sanctioned USA Field Hockey event or competition
- All of the Required Prevention Policies must be followed by:
 - Adult participants of USA Field Hockey who have regular contact with minor athletes
 - Adult participants authorized by USA Field Hockey to have regular contact with minor athletes
 - Adult participants authorized by USA Field Hockey to have authority over minor athletes
 - Adult staff and board members at USA Field Hockey

An adult participant is any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

- A member or license holder of USA Field Hockey or a USA Field Hockey club;
- An employee or board member of USA Field Hockey or a USA Field Hockey club;
- Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Field Hockey or a USA Field Hockey club;
- Authorized, approved, or appointed by USA Field Hockey or a USA Field Hockey club to have regular contact with or authority over Minor Athletes

One-on-One Interaction, Manual Therapy and Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities, Locker Rooms and Changing Areas **ALSO** need to be followed by:

- Any adult participant at a facility that is partially or fully under the jurisdiction of USA Field Hockey.