



# Electronic Communications Minor Consent Form

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## What qualifies as Electronic Communications?

Anytime an Adult Participant communicates electronically with a Minor Athlete, there must be a second Adult Participant copied or included that the communications are observable and transparent. This could include, but is not limited to, phone calls, videoconferencing, video coaching, texting, and social media.

The same applies to team communication. When an Adult Participant communicates electronically to the entire team or any number of Minor Athletes on the team, the Adult Participant must copy or include another Adult Participant or the Minor Athletes' parents/guardians.

All electronic communication originating from an Adult Participant(s) to a Minor Athlete(s) must be professional in nature unless an emergency exists.

**Adult Participant:** An Adult Participant is any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

1. A member of USA Triathlon;
2. An employee or board member of USA Triathlon or a USA Triathlon Club;
3. Within the governance of disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Triathlon or a USA Triathlon Club;
4. Authorized, approved, or appointed by USA Triathlon or a USA Triathlon Club to have regular contact with or authority over minors.

**If you are the Parent/Guardian of the Minor Athlete you do not need a consent form for yourself to have one-on-one electronic communications with your Minor Athlete**

**Electronic Communications:** All one-on-one electronic communications must be observable and transparent except if:

- An emergency exists; or
- A Dual Relationship exists; or
- The Close-in-Age Exception applies; or
- A Minor Athlete needs a Personal Care Assistant, and:
  1. the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Triathlon or USA Triathlon Clubs or State Associations for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and
  2. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and
  3. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Triathlon's policy.





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**Open and Transparent** means that the Adult Participant copies or includes the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian, another adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant.

- If a Minor Athlete communicates with the Adult Participant first, the Adult Participant must follow this policy if the Adult Participant responds.

Only platforms that allow for Open and Transparent communication may be used to communicate with Minor Athletes. If you have questions related to the USA Triathlon SafeSport Policy Handbook or Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP), please visit [here](#).

Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to take the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to have one-on-one electronic communication with an Adult Participant. This training is accessible [here](#). For more information, please contact [trisafe@usatriathlon.org](mailto:trisafe@usatriathlon.org).

## Additional Information

### Requests to discontinue

Parents/guardians may request in writing that the Organization or an Adult Participant subject to this policy not contact their Minor Athlete through any form of electronic communication. USA Triathlon and/or USA Triathlon Clubs or State Associations and the Adult Participant must abide by any request to discontinue, absent emergency circumstances.

## Request to Discontinue





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I confirm that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name), am the parent or legal guardian of Minor Athlete, \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name), who is a member or participant of USA Triathlon (USAT), and under the age of 18.

I acknowledge that I am providing consent pursuant to [USAT's SafeSport Policy Handbook](#) (Handbook). I acknowledge that USAT's Handbook contains provisions that are intended to prevent abuse and risks of harm. I acknowledge that I have been advised that prior to granting consent, I should complete the training entitled "Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport".

I am requesting that USAA or an Adult Participant subject to this policy not contact my Minor Athlete through any form of electronic communication from this point further. I understand that I can rescind said request at any time in writing.

Printed Parent or Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Minor Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

USAT and/or the Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) acknowledge that the said Minor Athlete's parent/ legal guardian has requested that all electronic communications with the said Minor Athlete are discontinued immediately, absent emergency circumstances.

Organization/ Adult Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/ Adult Participant Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

