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## Safe Sport Reminders as we enter tryout season:

In September 2020, the U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center) published the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) with Mandatory Components that NGBs, PSOs, and the USOPC were required to adopt.

As we go into tryouts, coaches and others who are interacting with players, are required to follow USA Hockey MAAPP policies: (Communications & one on one)

\*You cannot communicate in person, one on one with any minor player. This means you may not have a player come and meet with you privately without the following in place:

A parent or guardian is present at the meeting. If that isn't possible, the meeting must be observable and interruptible by other Adult Participants (ie: other coaches, volunteers, and others who are registered with USA Hockey, have safe sport training, and have a valid USA Hockey background screening.)

\*You also cannot communicate one on one with a minor player, via any type of electronic means. There cannot be any texting, phone calls, or any other form of communication without a parent or guardian copied. If a minor player communicates to you first, you may not respond to that communication without first talking to and copying a parent or guardian in that communication.

### **SafeSport Training and Background Screenings are required for all Coaches, Officials, Board Members, and Volunteers**

-SafeSport Training – Make sure you are current with this. Reminder: there is one main course and 3 refreshers courses. You will take one of the courses per season. Once you have finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> refresher, you will be required to go back to the main course the next season and start the cycle over. You cannot participate until your SafeSport Training is complete. Your

SafeSport training will expire exactly one year to the date that you took it the previous season. You will not be able to access the training sooner than 30 days of the expiration. You will receive 3 emails from USA Hockey letting you know that your SafeSport Training is expiring. If it expires you will no longer be eligible to participate.

-Background Screenings – Screenings are good for 2 years. Make sure you are current on this, or you will be ineligible to participate.

### **Reporting Safe Sport Incidents:**

Please report any Safe Sport violations to USA Hockey [usahockeysafesport@usahockey.org](mailto:usahockeysafesport@usahockey.org)  
You may also report to UAHA Safe Sport Coordinator Wendy Radke [wradke@allwest.net](mailto:wradke@allwest.net) or  
UAHA Vice President of Discipline, Robyn Eyre. [uaha.vp.discipline@gmail.com](mailto:uaha.vp.discipline@gmail.com)

The only reports that should be filed directly to the US Center for SafeSport are those that are contain sexual misconduct or sexual abuse and severe child abuse. These types of incidents must also be reported to local law enforcement.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Regards,

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