Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

This policy sets clear rules for adult interactions with students under 18. It is written to align with the concepts in the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) published by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. It is not an official SafeSport document and has not been reviewed or approved by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Academies under SafeSport jurisdiction should check the current MAAPP at uscenterforsafesport.org.

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Academy name: _____

Academy address: _____

Effective date: _____

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Who This Policy Covers

All owners, instructors, staff, volunteers, and any adult authorized by [Academy name] to have regular contact with minor students.

One on One Interactions

- One on one interactions between an adult and a minor must be observable and interruptible, such as in a room with open doors or windows, or within view of other adults.
- Private lessons with a minor take place where a parent, guardian, or another adult can see the lesson. Parents are welcome to watch.
- No meetings with a minor in a closed, private area such as an office with the door shut.

Electronic Communications

- Communication with minors is about academy activities only, such as schedules and training.
- Include a parent, guardian, or another adult on messages to a minor whenever possible, or send group messages.
- No private social media messaging, no requests for photos, and no communication between [9:00 PM] and [7:00 AM] except in an emergency.
- Parents may ask that all communication go through them.

Locker Rooms and Changing Areas

- Adults do not change clothes or shower at the same time as minors in shared areas.
- Staff monitor changing areas by checking in from the doorway, not by remaining inside.
- No photos or video of any kind in locker rooms, restrooms, or changing areas.

Transportation

- An adult does not drive a single unrelated minor alone, unless the parent or guardian gives written consent for that trip.
- When possible, use group transportation with at least two adults or one adult and two or more minors.

Travel

- For tournaments and events, an adult does not share a hotel room with an unrelated minor.
- Parents receive the travel schedule, lodging details, and chaperone names in advance.
- Room checks are done by two adults together, or by one adult with the door open.

Training Contact

- Physical contact is limited to what is needed for instruction, safety, and normal technique demonstration.
- Explain technique before demonstrating contact, and ask permission when adjusting a student's position.
- Avoid contact that is unnecessary for training, including lap sitting, prolonged hugs, or touching that is not part of instruction.
- Sparring and live training between adults and minors is supervised and matched to the minor's size and skill.

Training and Reporting

- All covered adults complete abuse prevention training before working with minors, such as the training offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- Report any violation of this policy to [designated safety contact]. Report any suspected abuse to authorities as required by law.

Acknowledgment

Name: _____

Role: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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