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Dear Participants,

We have been informed by USA FH to remind all participants of their SafeSport 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 participant in this USA Field Hockey Sanctioned 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, Athletic Training Modalities, Massages and Rubdowns, Locker Rooms and Changing Areas, Electronic Communications, Transportation, and Lodging.

One-on-One Interaction, Athletic Training Modalities, Massages and Rubdowns, 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, Athletic Training Modalities, Massages and Rubdowns, 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.

In preparation for our upcoming Big Apple events, where the MAAPP will be enforced, please review the USA Field Hockey Athlete Safety Policy, [please click here](#).

No USA Field Hockey Banned Members may enter this or any USA Field Hockey Sanctioned event. [Please see the USA Field Hockey Banned Member list here](#).

As a reminder, all adult participants are Mandatory Reporters. 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 the Center, either 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 to fieldhockeysafe@usafielddhockey.com.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email fieldhockeysafe@usafielddhockey.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

Yours in Sport,

Big Apple Hockey (BAHF, Inc.)