

# 12U & 14U State Tournament (Areas 1 & 2)

## Athletic Safety Information

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### Attention Athletes, Coaches, and Families,

We are excited to have you join us for the 12U & 14U State Tournament (Areas 1 & 2). As we prepare for the event, we want to make you aware of several policies and procedures in place to ensure athletes have the safest experience possible.

USA Softball has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of abuse within the sport of softball. Our Safe Softball program provides policies and processes, screening, education and training, reporting, monitoring, and enforcement designed to help participants detect and report abuse, respond to it, and prevent future occurrences.

For more information about the Safe Softball program, please visit:

<https://www.usasoftball.com/safe-softball/>

All event staff members, coaches, and umpires are required to complete a background check, a SafeSport course, and read a copy of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPPs). These requirements meet the standards set forth by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the U.S. Center for SafeSport to better protect minor athletes from abuse and misconduct within sport.

All event staff, coaches, and umpires are required to wear a **RED EVENT BRACELET** for the duration of the event.

## MAAPPs – At – A – Glance

### *One-On-One Interactions*

- All one-on-one interactions between Adult Participants (adult event staff, coaches, and umpires) and minor athletes must be observable and interruptible.

### *Athletic Training Modalities, Massages, and Rubdowns*

- Athletic training must always be done with at least two adult participants present during treatment.
- The trainer must receive documented consent from the athletes' parents/guardians.
- The trainer must narrate the steps in the modality before taking them, seeking assent of the Minor Athlete throughout the process.
- During treatment, a minor athlete's breast, buttocks, groin, and genitals must always be covered.
- Parents/Guardians must be allowed to attend treatment unless in a restricted area.

## **Electronic Communications**

- All electronic communications must be open and transparent.
- Communication between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must include a parent/guardian, another family member of the Minor Athlete, or another adult participant.
- This includes communications started by a minor athlete.
- If communicating with a team, adult participants must include the Minor Athletes' parents/guardians or another Adult Participant.

## **How to Report Abuse**

All Adult Participants are mandatory reporters. If you have experienced abuse or misconduct or know of abuse or misconduct that has taken place at a USA Softball event, please report the incident.

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Allison Takeda Flaig – Chief Operating Officer	aflaig@usasoftball.com	(405) 425-3430
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- To report emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, or MAAPP violations: Online Reporting Form
- To report sexual misconduct and child abuse, including sexual and physical abuse: U.S. Center for SafeSport Reporting
- U.S. Center for SafeSport Phone: (833) 587-7233

Additionally, both Parent and Minor Athlete abuse awareness training (and other training) are available through the U.S. Center for SafeSport and can be found at **SafeSportTrained.org**.

We are looking forward to a great, and safe, event!

Thank you,

**USA SOFTBALL OF TEXAS – DISTRICT 12 STAFF**