

# USGA SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM Prevention Policies

#### **Transportation**

Absent emergency circumstances, Adult Participants shall not transport a Minor Athlete One-on-One <u>during In-Program or Out-of-Program travel</u>, and a second Minor Athlete or second Adult Participant must always be present, except:

- 1. When a Dual Relationship exists; or
- 2. When the Close-in-Age Exception applies; or
- 3. If a Minor Athlete needs a Personal Care Assistant, and:
  - a. the Minor Athlete's custodial parent/guardian has provided written consent annually to the USGA for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and
  - the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied the USGA Education & Training Policy; and
  - c. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the USGA Background Check Policy.
- 4. In other circumstances specifically addressed in this policy that allow for certain one-on-one interactions if the USGA receives custodial parent/ guardian consent.

### Transportation Sanctioned by the USGA

Custodial parents or guardians of Minor Athletes must give written consent on an annual basis for travel sponsored by the USGA in connection with a USGA Team or USNDP. Parents or guardians of Minor Athletes can withdraw this consent at any time. For all In-Program travel authorized or funded by the USGA, all Adult Participants will agree to and sign the USGA Travel Policy annually.

## Parental/Guardian Consent for Travel Between One Adult Participant and One Minor Athlete

An Adult Participant may be offered an exception from the One-on-One Interactions Policy if they obtain written consent on an annual basis from a Minor Athlete's custodial parents/guardian for In-Program travel. The parent/guardian may withdraw consent at any time.

#### **Shared or Carpool Travel Arrangements**

USGA encourages parents/guardians to pick up their Minor Athlete first and drop off their Minor Athlete last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.