

USTA SAFE PLAY

United States Tennis Association Incorporated (USTA), USTA Player Development Incorporated (USTA PD), USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated (USTA NTC), and the USTA Foundation Incorporated (USTAF) (collectively, the USTA) are committed to the health and wellness of all athletes participating in USTA programs, events, or tournaments. To help safeguard athletes, the USTA has developed *Safe Play*. Governing the program is the USTA Safe Play Policy which incorporates the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and defines the key areas of misconduct that exist in sport. The USTA encourages all individuals participating or attending its programs, events, or tournaments be familiar with the USTA Safe Play Policy and empowers everyone to report any violations (or a suspicion of a violation) immediately to safeplay@usta.com. Key highlights from the USTA Safe Play Policy are provided below and may require your attention, so please review carefully:

1. All one-on-one interactions between an adult and an unrelated minor athlete must occur in an open and observable location. This includes during any training or practice scenario.
2. All sports medicine therapies including massage therapy performed on a minor athlete must be conducted in an open and observable location and done with at least one other adult present and must never be done with only the minor athlete and the person performing the service in the room.
3. If a mental health care professional and/or health care provider meets with minor athletes, a closed-door meeting may be permitted to protect patient privacy — provided that (i) the door remains unlocked, (ii) another adult is present at the facility, (iii) the other adult is advised that a closed-door meeting is occurring, and (iv) written legal guardian consent is obtained in advance by the mental health care professional and/or health care provider.
4. Under no circumstances, including in a locker room or changing area, shall an unrelated adult intentionally expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to a minor athlete. Except for athletes on the same team, at no time shall an unrelated adult be permitted to be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area.
5. All electronic communications between an unrelated adult and a minor athlete must copy either (i) the minor's legal guardian or parent; or (ii) another adult from the USTA program, event, or tournament.
6. Adults (except for the parent or legal guardian) shall not ride in a vehicle alone with an unrelated minor athlete, absent emergency circumstances, and must have at least two minor athletes or another adult in transport at all times, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor athlete's parent/legal guardian in advance of each local travel.
7. When only one adult and one minor athlete travel to a competition which involves an overnight stay, the minor athlete must have his or her legal guardian's written permission in advance and for each competition to travel alone with said adult.
8. Adults SHALL NOT share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a minor athlete (unless the adult is the legal guardian, sibling, or is otherwise related to the minor athlete). However, a parent/legal guardian may consent to such an arrangement in advance and in writing.
9. Meetings are not permitted to be conducted in a hotel room.

Written consent forms are provided in this package to meet a parent / legal guardian's needs.

IMPORTANT: PARENTS / LEGAL GUARDIANS MUST REVIEW THE RESOURCES PROVIDED ON PAGE 2 BEFORE GRANTING ANY CONSENT REGARDING YOUR CHILD.

SAFE PLAY RESOURCES

The USTA has adopted the educational resources provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. These materials are specifically tailored to address the key forms of misconduct that exist in sport and provide important information on how to make a report if misconduct occurs. The USTASTRONGLY ENCOURAGES all athletes and parents / legal guardians complete training regarding the prevention of abuse in sport.

Free Resources for Parents and Athletes

Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport

Designed for parents of youth athletes at any age, this free course educates parents on recognizing, responding to, and preventing abuse and misconduct in their child's sport setting. Featured are voices and perspectives of experts and advocates, with sound guidance on fostering positive and safe sport experiences for children both on field and at home. Parents will come away equipped with information and tactics to minimize risks of harm to their children. Please visit safesporttrained.org to create an account and get started.

A Parent Workbook is also available to support parents in discussing misconduct and helps parents to recognize the signs that their child is potentially being abused should it occur. To access the materials appropriate for your child's age, please visit:

https://uscenterforsafesport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Parent-Toolkit_Complete-1.pdf.

SafeSport for Youth Athletes (Age 13+)

This course focuses on bullying and hazing prevention, supporting friends who have experienced sexual abuse or misconduct, and resources for reporting. Requires parental consent for registration. Please visit safesporttrained.org to create an account and get started.

SAFE PLAY – CONSENT FOR LODGING & TRAVEL

Consent related to _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “Event”).

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the below named Minor. I understand that my permission, consent and authorization is required for Minor to travel alone, or to travel or to share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an adult other than me.

As it relates to the Event, I hereby consent to permit Minor to stay alone in a hotel that the USTA may have a room block within related to the Event if I am unable to attend and/or stay with the Minor for the entirety of the Event. I understand and agree that this room block is not required to be accessed; I may choose to otherwise select lodging for Minor.

In connection with and in consideration of my permission, consent and authorization granted above (“Consent to Travel”), I, on behalf of Minor and myself, my heirs, personal representative(s) and assign(s) hereby represent and agree as follows:

- 1) I agree that I have had the opportunity to review the Safe Play Policy found at www.usta.com/safeplay (including, but not limited to, any applicable privacy policy);
- 2) I agree to release USTA and its respective officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liabilities, damages, losses and/or causes of action (collectively, “Claims”) that I may or Minor may suffer or have, including without limitation, to our persons or property or both, which arise out of, are related to or in connection with, or occur during Minor’s participation in and travel to and from the Event except to the extent any such Claims are caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of USTA; and
- 3) I agree that this Consent to Travel shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law principles, and if any portion of this Consent to Travel is held invalid, the remainder of the Consent to Travel shall continue in full force and effect.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and the parent or legal guardian of Minor. In addition, I certify that I have read, fully understand, and agree to the terms of this Consent, and I sign it voluntarily with the full knowledge of its significance.

Minor Name

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date