

DONNER SWIM CLUB

SAFE SPORT & MAAPP ACKNOWLEDGMENT

2026–2027 Membership Year

Donner Swim Club is committed to providing an environment in which athletes can participate safely and free from abuse, misconduct, harassment, and inappropriate adult-athlete interactions.

As a USA Swimming member club, Donner Swim Club operates under applicable USA Swimming Safe Sport requirements and the current **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)**.

The MAAPP is a USA Swimming policy and applies to interactions involving minor athletes and applicable adults participating in USA Swimming activities.

1. MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY (MAAPP)

Donner Swim Club adopts and follows the current USA Swimming MAAPP as required. The complete current USA Swimming MAAPP is the controlling policy. This acknowledgment summarizes selected requirements for families but does not replace, modify, or supersede the full MAAPP.

The policy establishes requirements involving areas such as:

- one-on-one interactions;
- meetings and individual training sessions;
- electronic communication and social media;
- locker rooms and changing areas;
- local transportation;
- team travel and lodging;
- massage, rubdowns, and certain athletic training modalities; and
- other interactions between adult participants and minor athletes.

Families should review the **current USA Swimming MAAPP in its entirety**: [USA SWIMMING MAAPP](#)

Where the MAAPP requires specific consent for a particular interaction or activity, Donner Swim Club may require an additional USA Swimming or Club-approved consent form before that activity occurs.

The annual registration acknowledgment does not replace any specific consent required under MAAPP.

2. ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS

Interactions between applicable adult participants and minor athletes must comply with MAAPP requirements.

Parents and athletes should understand that Safe Sport requirements may affect how coaches and other adults conduct:

- individual conversations;
- private meetings;
- individual instruction;
- transportation;
- electronic communication; and
- other interactions with minor athletes.

Athletes should never feel obligated to remain in an interaction that makes them uncomfortable or appears inconsistent with Safe Sport requirements.

Questions regarding appropriate interactions should be raised with the Head Coach, Donner Safe Sport Coordinator, or other appropriate Safe Sport resource.

3. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Electronic communication involving minor athletes must comply with current MAAPP requirements.

Donner Swim Club expects communication involving athletes to be:

- appropriate;
- transparent;
- related to legitimate team or athlete-development purposes; and
- conducted through communication methods consistent with USA Swimming and Club requirements.

Parents and athletes should not use private or informal communication methods to circumvent applicable Safe Sport requirements.

4. LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas require heightened attention to athlete privacy and safety.

All Donner Swim Club athletes, families, coaches, staff, and volunteers must comply with current MAAPP requirements and applicable facility rules involving locker-room and changing-area use.

Photography, video recording, or other use of recording-capable devices in areas where athletes are changing is prohibited.

Adults should not enter athlete locker rooms or changing areas except when permitted by applicable MAAPP requirements, facility procedures, or emergency circumstances.

Any concern involving locker-room conduct should be reported promptly.

5. TRANSPORTATION, TRAVEL, AND LODGING

Transportation and team travel involving minor athletes are subject to specific MAAPP requirements.

Parents should not assume that annual registration alone authorizes:

- transportation by a coach or other adult participant;
- transportation of athletes by other families;
- overnight lodging arrangements; or
- other travel situations requiring separate consent.

When required, Donner Swim Club will obtain the appropriate consent before transportation, travel, or lodging occurs.

Families are responsible for following the travel procedures communicated for a specific Club activity.

6. REPORTING SAFETY OR SAFE SPORT CONCERNS

Athletes and families are encouraged to report concerns involving:

- suspected abuse;
- sexual misconduct;
- physical or emotional misconduct;
- bullying or harassment;
- inappropriate adult-athlete interactions;
- violations of MAAPP;
- retaliation;
- or other behavior that threatens athlete safety.

A concern does not need to be proven before it is reported.

Good-faith reports should be made through the appropriate reporting channel.

Depending on the nature of the concern, reporting may involve:

- Donner Swim Club leadership or Safe Sport Coordinator;
- USA Swimming Safe Sport;
- the U.S. Center for SafeSport;
- law enforcement; or
- the appropriate child-protection authority.

Reports involving suspected child abuse, sexual misconduct, or other matters subject to mandatory reporting requirements must be handled according to applicable law and governing-body requirements.

USA Swimming maintains official Safe Sport reporting resources for athletes and families.

7. NON-RETALIATION

Retaliation against a person for making a good-faith Safe Sport, safety, or misconduct report is prohibited.

Athletes and families should be able to raise legitimate concerns without fear of punishment, exclusion, intimidation, or adverse treatment for making the report.

8. FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- review the current USA Swimming MAAPP;
- help minor athletes understand age-appropriate Safe Sport expectations;
- follow applicable electronic communication, locker-room, transportation, and travel requirements;
- obtain or provide specific consent when required;
- respect athlete privacy and boundaries; and
- promptly report legitimate safety or misconduct concerns.

Athletes are encouraged to speak with a trusted adult whenever they feel unsafe, uncomfortable, pressured, or uncertain about an interaction.

REGISTRATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The acknowledgment presented in Commit should state:

I acknowledge that I have been provided access to and have reviewed the current USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and Donner Swim Club Safe Sport information. I agree to comply with applicable Safe Sport and MAAPP requirements while participating in Donner Swim Club activities. I understand that the complete current USA Swimming MAAPP is the controlling policy and that additional consent may be required for certain interactions, transportation, travel, lodging, or other situations governed by MAAPP. I understand that entering my full legal name constitutes my annual written acknowledgment and agreement to these requirements.

Required Response: Parent/Legal Guardian Full Legal Name