



# CREDENTIAL & ATHLETE SAFETY GUIDELINES

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## USA BASEBALL CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

The term "Event" as used herein includes, but is not limited to, any exhibition, regular season or post season game. Each individual or entity signing for or using a credential, and his/her/its employers (each signer, user and employer, a "Bearer"), agrees to the following:

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5. Bearer assumes all risks incidental to the performance by the Bearer of Bearer's services in connection with an Event and assumes all risks incidental to an Event, whether occurring prior to, during or subsequent to the actual playing of the Event, including, but not limited to, the risk of being injured by bats or fragments thereof, and thrown or batted balls, and agrees that USA Baseball, or the host facility, and all of their constituent clubs, and all of their respective owners, shareholders, affiliated entities, stadium owners and managers, partners, agents, officers, directors, players and other employees (collectively, the "Baseball Entities") shall not be liable for damages including, without limitation, damages for injuries or loss of or damage to personal property or equipment.
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7. **AUTOGRAPHS:** The use of the credential for the purpose of obtaining autographs is strictly prohibited. Seeking or obtaining autographs from any player, personnel, public figure or other individual within or adjacent to the ballpark shall subject Bearer to the immediate and permanent revocation of Bearer's credential.

8. **THE CREDENTIAL IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT CAUSE.**

9. While within the ballpark, Bearer shall at all times be subject to the direction and/or supervision of the club and its designated agents or employees.

10. Bearer shall obtain all necessary licenses, consents or releases permitting the use of any party's proprietary material, including, but not limited to, any party's copyrights, trademarks, rights of publicity, rights of privacy or other proprietary or personal rights, however denominated, included in any photograph taken or other material obtained in connection with the credential. The Bearer is solely responsible for determining which licenses, consents and releases shall be obtained. Bearer shall indemnify, defend (if requested) and hold harmless the Baseball Entities against and from any and all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) against third party claims arising out of or relating to: (a) Bearer's use of any Event Information taken or obtained in connection with the credential, including, without limitation, any claim that use of such Event Information infringes any third party's copyrights, trademarks, rights of publicity, rights of privacy or other proprietary rights, however denominated; (b) Bearer's acts or omissions; (c) the presence on the premises of any cameras, wires, cable or other equipment brought thereon by Bearer; and (d) Bearer's breach of any term of the credential.

11. In the event that the name or the likeness of any individual using this credential is included in any broadcast, telecast, photograph, film, video or other media taken in connection with an Event, such individual grants the Baseball Entities the non-exclusive, transferable, perpetual right and license to use (and to sub-license the use of) such name and likeness in any media worldwide whether now known or hereafter devised.



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As you cover USA Baseball events, you will be provided with the policies and procedures in place to ensure our athletes have the safest experience possible.

Please review the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPPs). Make sure you read and review the MAAPPs before submitting this application and attending a USA Baseball event.

Below are some of the MAAPPs components and resources that we'd like to highlight for you:

### **One-On-One Interactions**

- All one-on-one interactions between Adult Participants (adult event staff) and minor athletes must be observable and interruptible.
- This means no closed-door meetings with one Adult Participant and one minor athlete. One-on-one interactions should occur in a public area, with other people around.
- This also means no one-on-one interviews. Another Adult Participant (USA Baseball staff member) must be present

### **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 adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant.
- This includes all communication started by a minor athlete.