

## 6.1 Modifications for Testing Athletes who are Minors

### Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to describe the guidelines a DCO should follow when collecting a sample from a Minor (young athlete).

### Actions

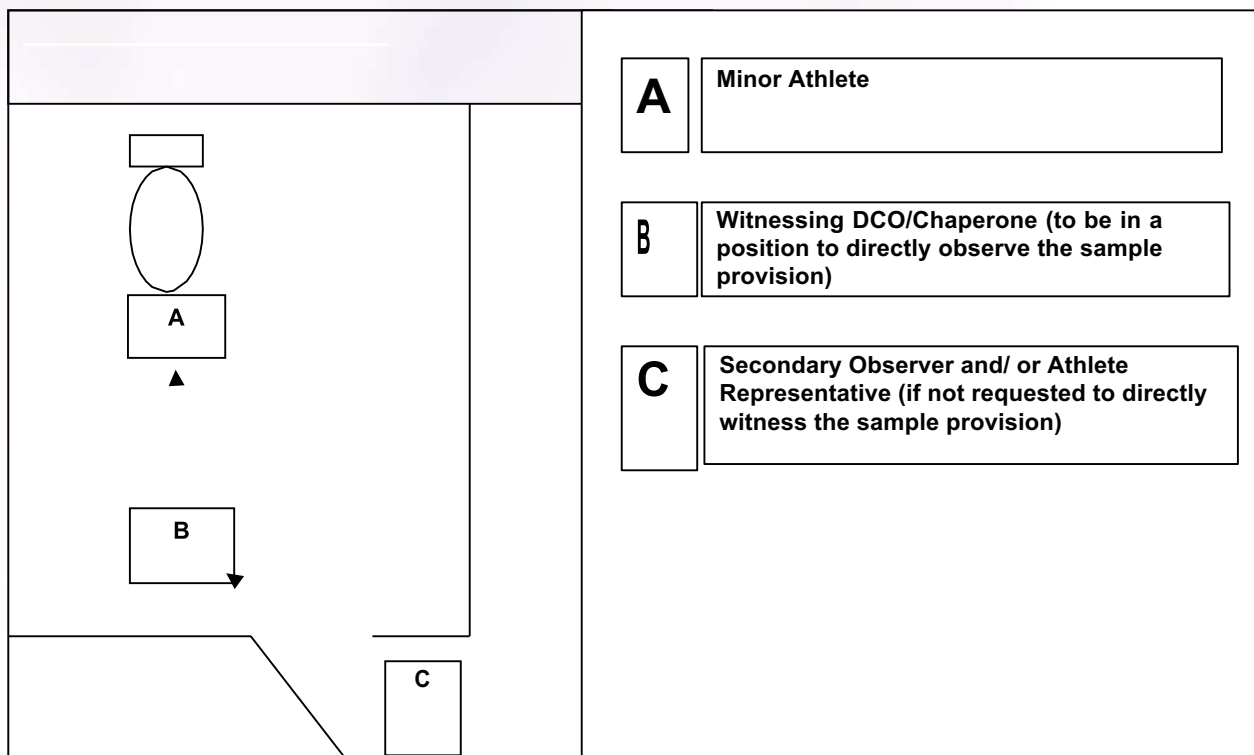
**NOTE:** The age under which an Athlete is considered a Minor will be sport specific and form part of the rules and regulations of the ADO. The age under which an Athlete is considered a Minor in a country may also be defined by law. If testing occurs at an international event the ADO and/or DCO should consult with the International Federation to determine if their rules define the age of a Minor at their competitions. If the IF rules do not define a Minor, then the rules and/or laws of the country will be followed.

1. When conducting testing the DCO will attempt to determine whether the sample collection session will include Minors.
2. The DCO will offer the Minor with the opportunity to have an adult Representative of his/her choice present throughout the testing process, including:
  - At notification;
  - During sample collection (i.e. witnessing the sample collection); and
  - During sample processing (i.e. during the division and sealing of the sample)
3. Once verbally notified the DCO and/or Chaperone should then accompany the Athlete to his/her Representative and complete official written notification.
4. At this stage the DCO should ascertain whether the Minor wants the Athlete Representative to be present throughout the testing process.

**Note:** If the Minor requests that the Athlete Representative be present during the sample provision stage the diagram below should be used as an example to ensure that all necessary individuals are present. The role of the Athlete Representative will be either,

- To only supervise the DCO/Chaperone who is witnessing the sample provision (without directly observing the sample provision); or
  - To be in the sample provision area and directly witnessing the sample being provided along with the DCO/Chaperone if requested by the Athlete.
5. If the Minor does not wish to have his/her Representative present during the sample provision, the DCO will appoint a Secondary Observer to act in this role. This Secondary

Observer can be another DCO or Chaperone and his/her role is to ensure that the sample observing DCO or Chaperone is completing his/her duties appropriately.



6. The presence of the Athlete Representative and/or Secondary Observer will be documented by the DCO in the Doping Control Report Form.
7. The Athlete Representative will print and sign the Athlete Representative section of the Doping Control Form.

