



Potomac Valley Swimming
Safe Sport Report as of 30- June-2021
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What is Safe Sport Certified?

The USA Swimming Safe Sport Club Recognition program allows a USA Swimming member club to demonstrate its commitment to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members through the development and implementation of club governance measures, Safe Sport policies and reporting mechanisms, Safe Sport best practices and training to athletes and parents.

USA Swimming is committed to providing a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. USA Swimming's Safe Sport program, a comprehensive abuse prevention program, consists of a multi-layered approach to keep kids safe, including: required policies and best practice guidelines; mandatory screening, including criminal background checks and employment screening; training and education; monitoring, supervision and mandatory reporting. These measures are informed by experts in the field of child safety and are among the strongest safeguards found in youth-serving organizations.

Potomac Valley Swimming and Safe Sport

As of June 30, 56.82% of the USA Swimming member clubs in Potomac Valley Swimming achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition. This qualified our LSC to receive the second level incentive approved by the USA Swimming Keeping Athletes First Working Group. The target for this monetary award was 50%.

As part of the incentive, PVS earned \$2,000 to use towards programs that benefit our athletes.

There are two more opportunities for our LSC to receive a cash and Match-Up incentive. The next benchmark is to have 75% of our clubs Safe Sport Recognized by July 15 to receive an additional \$2,500 and a \$400 Match-Up coupon code. You can find more information about these opportunities [here](#).

Each PVS team should have already received a pop-up changing tent from USA Swimming. Any club that is currently Safe Sport certified, becomes Safe Sport certified or renews their certification will receive a second pop up changing tent.

Potomac Valley Safe Sport Certified Clubs

All-Star Aquatics, Arlington Aquatic Club, Blue Wave Swim Team, DC Parks & Recreation, Dragon Swim Team, Fairfax Foxes, Herndon Aquatic Club, Hydro-Sonic Tiburones, Joe Flaherty's Dolphins, Mason Makos Swim Team, Maryland Suburban Swim Club, Moons Aquatics Club, Nation's Capital Swim Club, Occoquan Swimming, Patuxent Aquatics Club, Potomac Marlins, Riptide Swim Team, Sea Devil Swimming, Shark Tank Racing Squad, SNOW Swimming, The FISH, Tollefson Swimming, Victory Lane Aquatic Club, Washingtonians Swim Club, and York Swim Club.

Potomac Valley Clubs Who've Started the Process

APACC (Ailynn Park Aquatic Club & Clinic)
Fairfax Area Aquatics
Machine Aquatics
Rockville Montgomery Swim Club
YMCA Fairfax County Reston
Team Rally Aquatics

Best practices to get your Club Safe Sport Certified

- 1) Use the PVS Safe Sport page to help with the process-
<http://www.pvswim.org/safesport.html>
- 2) Designate a coach or parent to work together to get your team Safe Sport certified. If you have more than one practice site, consider a parent coordinator for each site.
- 3) Tie the required parent education component to yearly registration or meet registration.
- 4) Provide clear instructions on how to take the parent/swimmer Safe Sport class, using materials available on the PVS Safe Sport page, <http://www.pvswim.org/safesport.html>