

Safe Sport Newsletter: May 2022

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SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



MAAPP Reminder

Summer season is upon us and that means more team travel. Make sure you are following the **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)** in all travel.

To view example consent forms please visit the Safe Sport website below.

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South Texas Swimming LSC Spotlight

Thinking about implementing [Safe Sport Recognition](#) approval in order for clubs to host swim meets? Read how South Texas Swimming took the dive and how it has influenced positive culture within the LSC.

Great job to South Texas Swimming for furthering its commitment to providing a safe environment free from abuse for USA Swimming members!

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Iowa Swimming LSC Spotlight

More than 75% of USA Swimming member clubs in Iowa Swimming was able to obtain [Safe Sport Recognition](#) through the help of its Safe Sport Chair, Jen Mathews. Read more how the program has helped the LSC below.

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Athlete Protection Training Reminder

Do not forget everyone 18 years and older must complete USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Training annually. This includes athletes.

Check your expiration date by logging into the LEARN platform below.



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USA Swimming Safe Sport Resources

Look over USA Swimming Safe Sport resources available to you and your club.

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Reach Out to Your Zone Safe Sport Chair

Reach out to your USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chair to check in! Take the time to establish a relationship with your Zone Chair and see if they have any recommendations for you.

Remember, each Zone Chair can assist in the training of and dissemination of information to LSC Safe Sport Chairs/Coordinators. It is important to know who your Zone Chair is as they will help guide, support and share information with you throughout the year.

See below for our current USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chairs and their email addresses.

Central Zone | Paul Stauder | paul.stauder@att.net
Eastern Zone | Anne Kaufman | nesafesport@gmail.com
Southern Zone | Mike O'Shaughnessy | oshaughmdc@gmail.com
Western Zone | April Walkley | iessafesport@gmail.com



Club Toolkit

Be sure to utilize the Club Toolkit page under the Safe Sport section of usaswimming.org. The toolkit includes different policies for clubs to implement, best practices, tips for hiring staff and more. Click below to view the resources within the toolkit.

CLUB TOOLKIT



U.S. Center for SafeSport Information

The U.S. Center for SafeSport has released its updated SafeSport Code on April 1. Please review the code [here](#).

Additionally, the Center updated its phone number. Make sure you have the new number saved: 1-833-5US-SAFE (587-7233).

To report a concern, visit <https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport/deal-with-a-safe-sport-concern>.

Safe Sport for Parents



The *Safe Sport for Parents* page on USA Swimming's website can be a valuable asset for swim parents. Feel free to explore the page and share to your membership.

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2022 SSRP Trainings

Safe Sport is committed to creating a healthy environment that is free from abuse for all members. As we continue with virtual learning opportunities throughout 2022, we will be increasing security measures to keep parents, athletes and coaches safe during trainings. **All trainings will require individuals to register ahead of time.**

In addition, we have enhanced our Safe Sport Trainings' security measures and will have the following in place:

- Meetings will be locked
- Athlete attendees will only have access to chat with hosts
- Multiple USA Swimming Safe Sport staff will be on all trainings and will monitor participant video share
- Frequent check-ins with attendees
- Screen share and annotation capabilities will be disabled
- Meetings will require registration and athlete training registrations will be cross-checked with USA Swimming member records
- USA Swimming has enabled the At-Risk Meeting Notifier tool from Zoom. This tool searches the public internet for Zoom meeting information and checks the meeting's security settings. Zoom notifies USA Swimming if a meeting appears to be at high risk for being disrupted. This tool is enabled for all USA Swimming hosted Zoom meetings.

Safe Sport trainings are held monthly, please view upcoming training dates below:

Parent Training:

- Wednesday, June 8 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Athlete Training (ages 12-18):

- Thursday, June 9 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Coach Training:

- Friday, June 10 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

If you cannot attend these trainings, athletes and parents can independently complete trainings using the USA Swimming LEARN platform. Click the link below for more info on Safe Sport trainings.

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WEBSITE**

Free Resources & Reminders

Safe Sport Club Recognition Tips Sheet

Has your club achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition? Use our [Tips Sheet](#) to help spread the word.

Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes As Leaders Cards

These free, digital cards are available for clubs on [USA Swimming's Safe Sport Team Talk](#) page.

Parent Resource Guide

Although these were sent to every USA Swimming member household, save the digital copy for future reference!

Guide to Child Physical Abuse

Whether you are a coach or volunteer, become familiar with this guide.

Safe Sport Activity Books

You can either [purchase](#) books on Match-Up or download PDF versions for [5-11 year olds](#) and [12-18 year olds](#).

Talk to us today

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