



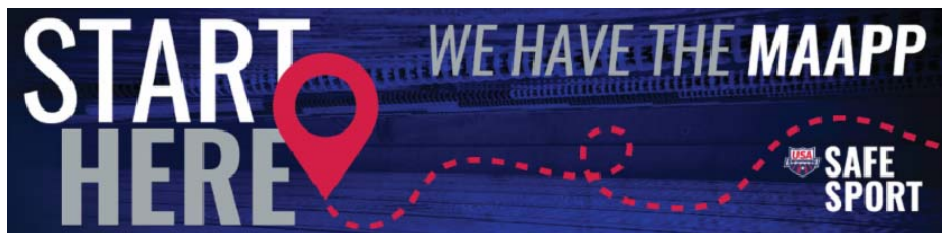
# SAFE SPORT

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This newsletter facilitates direct communication from the USA Swimming Safe Sport team. Please provide any feedback, comments or suggestions at [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org).

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## MAAPP Implementation

We appreciate your commitment to keeping our athletes safe from abuse. We understand that MAAPP may adjust how you have conducted business in the past and we are committed to helping you through that transition. You are critical to the success of USA Swimming and are integral in creating an abuse-free environment in our sport. Thank you for joining us in this effort.

MAAPP addresses risk areas in which abuse can occur and is intentionally designed to limit one-on-one interactions between adults and minor athletes. The goal of this policy is to prevent the isolation of one adult and one minor athlete, a situation that

elevates the risk of child sexual abuse. In order to be effective, the policy applies to all adults who may have contact with minor athletes as a result of participation in the sport of swimming. Coaches, staff members, athletes over the age of 18 and volunteers we permit on the pool deck at meets are all authorized to have contact with minor athletes. These adults are all Applicable Adults and are required to adhere to MAAPP guidelines while engaged in USA Swimming-related activities. It is also important we teach our athletes that when they turn 18, as adults, we have higher expectations of them. They can still interact with their peer teammates but must be educated on athlete protection.

All USA Swimming member clubs were required to implement MAAPP in full by June 23, 2019.

USA Swimming has posted updated FAQs, webinars and educational documents to assist you in understanding MAAPP. There are also templates and forms to aid you in implementation.

MAAPP sample forms:

- Language for meet information and for meet briefings
- Acknowledgement of Policy
- Permission for a Licensed Massage Therapist or Other Certified Professional or Health Care Provider to Treat a Minor Athlete
- Permission for a Mental Health Care Professional or Health Care Provider to have One on One Interaction
- Permission for an Unrelated Adult Athlete to Share the Same Lodging with a Minor Athlete
- Permission for an Unrelated Applicable Adult to Provide Local Transportation to Minor Athlete
- Permission for an Unrelated Applicable Adult to Travel to Competition with Minor Athlete

You can find the full policy along with educational documents, webinars, and sample forms at [www.usaswimming.org/maapp](http://www.usaswimming.org/maapp)

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## **Athlete Protection Training Requirement for Adult Athletes**

Starting June 23, every current USA Swimming adult athlete member is required to annually complete Athlete Protection Training. As athletes turn 18 years old, they will have 30 days after their birthday to complete the training. Members can find the training on the USA Swimming LEARN platform. If you have any questions about this

training requirement please don't hesitate to contact the Safe Sport staff.  
[www.usaswimming.org/apt](http://www.usaswimming.org/apt)

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## Safe Sport Recognition Program

Congratulations to the teams that have achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition!

Since our last newsletter, 27 clubs have achieved Safe Sport Recognition. Well done! These teams are:

- Ad Astra Area Aquatics - MV
- All Star Aquatics- PV
- Buenaventura Swim Club- CA
- Cheyenne Mountain Aquatics- CO
- Colorado Torpedoes- CO
- Gulf Coast Swim Team- FL
- Metrowest YMCA Stingrays- NE
- Plainfield Community Aquatics- IN
- Sterling Stingrays Swim Club- IL
- Swim Torrance- CA
- Flashes Aquatics- IN
- High Point Swim Club- NC
- Team Charlotte Swimming- NC
- North Dutchess Aquatic Club- MR
- Magnolia Aquatic Club- GU
- Frederick Area Swim Team- MD
- Southeastern Swim Club- IN
- WTRC Sharks Swim Team Inc.- OH
- American Energy Swim Club- IL
- Buckeye Swim Club- OH
- Coral Springs Swim Club- FG
- Flatiron Athletic Club- CO
- JCC Bridgewater Tide- NJ
- Martin County Swimming Club- PV
- Sun-Shine Aquatics Swim Club- HI
- Swim Charleston- SC
- Syracuse Charges- NI

Thank you for your commitment to providing a safe, healthy, and positive environment at your clubs. Find more information about the Safe Sport Recognized Club Program at [www.usaswimming.org/ssrp](http://www.usaswimming.org/ssrp).

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## U.S. Center for SafeSport New Website

On Wednesday, July 24 the U.S. Center for SafeSport is launching its new website with a new name and URL: [USCenterForSafeSport.org](https://USCenterForSafeSport.org). Upgrades include easier navigation and better access and organization of our policies, procedures and resources.

The new website will house everything else including:

- Centralized Disciplinary Database
- Report a Concern
- All Center Policies and FAQs
- Media Information
- Digital Flyers
- General Resources

In addition, if you currently have Center reporting link on your site, it should be updated to [//uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern).



## U.S. Center for SafeSport Youth Athlete Training Courses

The U.S. Center for SafeSport Youth Athlete Training courses are now live! These resources include courses for children of pre-school age; grades K-2; grades 3-5; middle school and high school. These free online trainings are designed as an introduction for minor athletes and their parents or other caregivers to understand the importance of positive, welcoming environments in sports, where misconduct like bullying or abuse is less likely to happen, and to know where to report abuse, should it occur.

Each course is hosted on [athletesafety.org](https://athletesafety.org). Parent/legal guardians will need to create an account to provide consent for the minor athlete to access the training. Once an account is created a parent can choose a course for their child based on their actual or developmental age. Each course take about 30 minutes to complete. A writeable PDF certificate is available at the conclusion of each training, and parents are encouraged to write their child's name on the printed certificate.

Courses that are available are:

- Preschool - <https://athletesafety.org/training/details/21>
- Grades K-2 - <https://athletesafety.org/training/details/20>
- Grades 3-5 - <https://athletesafety.org/training/details/19>

- Middle School - <https://athletesafety.org/training/details/18>
  - High School - <https://athletesafety.org/training/details/17>
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## Zone Workshop Recap

A big thank you to all of those who were able to attend the Zone Workshops in Denver and Chicago. We had a packed agenda, which included reviewing MAAPP, adult athlete training requirement, Safe Sport Mondays, and lots of small group collaboration time. Coming out of the workshops, there were a lot of requests for resources regarding MAAPP and the adult athlete training requirement. All of the resources are available at [www.usaswimming.org/maapp](http://www.usaswimming.org/maapp), which include: updated FAQs sample consent forms, mini-webinar videos, and the customizable MAAPP policy.

We are following up with your revisions to Safe Sport Mondays and working with Coaching Boys into Men and Athletes as Leaders to implement Safe Sport Mondays at the start of the new season in September. Additionally Meet 360 and a new Safe Sport Activity book are coming this fall.

Your engagement and dedication to Safe Sport always impresses. Thanks for a great couple of workshops!

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## Safe Sport Fellows In Action

Our Safe Sport Fellows have been working hard to spread the Safe Sport mission. Recently, Coby and Jenna did a tabling event at The Carolina Crown Swim Challenge, bringing awareness to everyone at the meet. Great job Coby and Jenna!



## Fellows Leadership Institute

All 10 of the 2019 Athlete Fellows gathered in Colorado Springs for a Leadership Institute the final weekend of June. This year's fellows are working in the Safe Sport, Diversity and Inclusion, and Clean Sport programs. The theme for this session of the Leadership Institute was “The Stretch Zone”, and 2018 Safe Sport Fellowship alum Caroline Holmes led the current class through activities and discussions on building their skills to grow as leaders by getting out of their comfort zones. The four Safe Sport fellows shared their incredible efforts of awareness-raising and education in their home clubs and LSCs, and they have big plans for the second half of their year! The Safe Sport fellows hail from Sierra Nevada, New England, North Carolina, and South Carolina. If you’re in or around those LSCs, be on the lookout for their activities and events!

