
Safe Sport Newsletter: December 2021

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SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



Thank You!

USA Swimming Safe Sport staff wants to say thank you for everything you have done to make this year a success!

Through your hard work and dedication, we have been able to accomplish a lot together. We wanted to take this time to acknowledge all the time, energy and resources you have put into making Safe Sport successful. In addition to taking a moment to reflect on some of the great work we have been able to accomplish together, look back at some major accomplishments throughout 2021 below.

- Successful [MAAPP 2.0](#) implementation;
- Completed the [Vieth Report](#) years ahead of schedule;
- Saw a record number of LSC's earn funding by helping clubs become Safe Sport Recognized through USA Swimming's [Safe Sport Club Recognition LSC Incentive](#);
- Sent the [Family Resource Guide](#) to all USA Swimming member households;
- Hosted a successful virtual [Safe Sport Leadership Conference](#);

- Through the Keeping Athletes First initiative, we successfully held virtual appearances with Olympians, National Team athletes and alum for clubs who are [Safe Sport Recognized](#);
- Gave away [USA Swimming branded pop-up changing tents](#) to every USA Swimming member club. (Clubs who were Safe Sport Recognized received a free additional tent, and clubs who renewed their recognition received a third tent);
- Provided [free virtual trainings](#) EVERY month for parents, athletes and coaches;
- Created a new [Guide to Child Physical Abuse](#) resource;
- Looked back on the past 10 years of Safe Sport in [this article](#); and
- Provided multiple resources in Spanish on our [Club Toolkit](#) page to reach a wider audience.

Thank you for a successful 2021, we are looking forward to continuing our work to make our sport safer in and out of the pool next year!



USA Swimming Completes Vieth Report

USA Swimming is proud to announce the full completion of the USA Swimming Vieth Report Task Force recommendations, years ahead of the 10-15 year implementation plan.

Read more about how USA Swimming Safe Sport accomplished these items below.

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Safe Sport Resources



SOCAL Uses Safe Sport for

Positive Culture

Take a look at the Safe Sport Resources article, released for Child Safety Week last month.

See how [SOCAL Aquatics Association](#) (SOCAL) uses Safe Sport to maintain a positive team culture.

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Non-Athlete Membership Requirements

As previously communicated, in order to comply with U.S. Center for SafeSport requirements, the USA Swimming Board of Directors has approved expanding Corporate Bylaw 2.6.6, which sets forth those who must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming.

Starting January 1, 2022, the following individuals **must** be non-athlete members of USA Swimming:

- Adult employees of USA Swimming, Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) and member clubs;
- Adults serving on the board of directors of USA Swimming, LSCs and member clubs;
- Individuals in a position of oversight over the operations of a member club;
- Adults with an ownership interest in a member club;
- Referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges, stroke and turn judges, meet marshals; and
- Other volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or have authority over athletes (as defined in the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement) as a regular part of their duties.

Please note that the following are **new categories** of individuals who are required to register as non-athlete members: adult employees of LSCs and member clubs, individuals in a position of oversight over the operations of a member club, meet marshals and volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or who have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties.

LSC staff such as business managers, webmasters, club registrars and membership coordinators, social media and communications managers will also be required to register as non-athlete members. This does not apply to volunteers such as timers, computer operators, etc. who only have limited contact with athletes during a meet.

For institutionally-owned clubs (e.g., clubs owned by a YMCA, LifeTime Fitness, college/university, JCC, etc.), this applies only to:

- The adult employees with direct oversight responsibilities over the club's activities;
- The adult employees who have direct club-related responsibilities and whose responsibilities are not to all others using the facility (e.g., this would not apply to a lifeguard assigned to the aquatics facility whose duties are related to all in the aquatics facility as opposed to only the member club athletes); or

- The adult board members with direct governance/oversight responsibilities over the club's activities.

These individuals will all be required to register as USA Swimming non-athlete "Other" members **no later than January 1, 2022**, and must complete Athlete Protection Training (APT) and a USA Swimming background screen.

The USA Swimming Board of Directors approved a proposal from the USA Swimming Safe Sport and Club Development Committees to form a new category of membership, which will be available starting September 1, 2022 for the 2023 membership. This new category of membership will have a reduced fee of \$30.

To gain further understanding of this new change, listen to the recorded webinars and review the FAQ please visit our website [here](#).

For additional questions or concerns, please contact safesport@usaswimming.org.

Reach Out If You Need Guidance

Remember, each Zone has a USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chair who assists in the training of and dissemination of information to the 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.

See below for the 2021 USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chairs and their email addresses.

Central Zone | Paul Stauder | paul.stauder@att.net
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Western Zone | April Walkley | iessafesport@gmail.com

Remaining 2021 & Upcoming 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 2021, 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 trainings dates through March 2021 below:

Parent Training:

- Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 8 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 8 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 8 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Athlete Training (ages 12-18):

- Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 8 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 8 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Coach Training:

- Friday, January 28, 2022 at 3 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, February 25, 2022 at 3 p.m. EDT ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 3 p.m. EDT ([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.



Free Resources & Reminders

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

Stay up-to-date on all things related to MAAPP.

Athlete Protection Training

APT is required for all adult USA Swimming members, including athletes. This must be done annually to maintain compliance.

Safe Sport Club Recognition Tips Sheet

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

New Reporting Number for the Center of SafeSport

Make sure you have the new number saved. It is **1-833-5US-SAFE (587-7233)**.

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](#).

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.

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