

Safe Sport

What is Safe Sport?

USA Swimming is committed to fostering a fun, healthy and safe environment for all of its members. For that reason, they have created a Safe Sport program and put in a place a detailed Code of Conduct. Safe Sport also provides policies, education, a reporting structure, and tools that are intended to serve all members as we work together to maintain this environment. To learn more about Safe Sport, visit the USA Swimming Safe Sport Home Page.

Additionally, USA Swimming provides free training videos for parents and athletes. Parents, we highly encourage you to sit down with your athletes and review these training videos.

Dealing with a Concern

If your concern deals with any of the following and you have followed the Conflict Resolution Policy:

- · Peer to Peer Bullying
- Adult to Athlete Bullying
- Parent Issues
- Violations of team rules and/or team code of conduct

Please make a report to our head coach and exec board or at the LSC level the following email address: <u>IESSAFESPORT@GMAIL.COM</u>. USA Swimming has provided a template letter to assist you in beginning this process.

For more serious concerns, please visit the <u>USA Swimming website</u> to find out how best to address your concern.

Free Training for Parents

Parents are a critical component to our overall goal of protecting children from sexual abuse. The comprehensive online programming includes information about how offenders operate; how to recognize and respond to boundary violations, myths and facts about child sexual abuse and USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Policies and Procedures.

Athlete Protection Training for Parents

Free Training for Athletes (Ages 12 and older)

The training course covers:

Inappropriate Contact

- Physical, emotional, and behavioral boundaries
- What to do if your boundaries are violated
- Who to tell
- How USA Swimming can be a resource

Free Athlete Protection Training for Athletes

Free Safe Sport Activity Book for Athletes (Ages 11 and younger)

Parents, coaches, and swimmers will be able to use the books to start a conversation about positive team culture, maintaining an environment of support and safety, and all the reasons to love the sport of swimming!

Download Safe Sport Activity Book

Links and Resources

Safe Sport Topic of the Month

Safe Sport Best Practice Guidelines

USA Swimming Code of Conduct

TCCC Safe Sport Policies