

2024 Spring HOD Safe Sport Report

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Safe Sport Recognition Program in Iowa

Clubs continue to renew as their initial SSRP expires (every 2 years). Biggest barriers to completion/renewal continue to be a) getting parents to complete Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport voluntarily, and b) following directions carefully in the SSRP checklist.

USA Swimming promoting 3 month and 6 month plans for working on SSRP. These are available on the IASI website.

Meet 360 - Safe Sport for Events

Continued 3x communication of Meet 360 to meet hosts. This ensures:

- Required components of QCS (Quality Control System as required by US Center for Safe Sport) are now 'baked in' to the IASI sanction process and meet information. The LSC is meeting its requirements to clubs for every sanctioned event.
- Non-required components – Optional Resources and Best Practices at meets – are regularly provided to meet hosts to aid host clubs in planning and prevention, integration of Safe Sport into all aspects of a meet, and guidance in responses to Safe Sport issues pre-event, during meets, and after each session.

After a meet is issued its sanction, 3 emails are scheduled and sent to the Meet Director, Meet Ref, and host club Safe Sport Contact:

- 1) 1 month prior to the meet – Initial message to clubs with the Meet 360 packet. Explains what **MUST** be done, what is **RECOMMENDED** to be done, and leads clubs to exactly where in the Meet 360 packet to find that. Attachments:
 - a) Meet 360
 - b) Worksheet for compiling key meet contacts, chain of command, and plan for dealing with policy violations
 - c) Safe Sport Briefings for all roles (Officials, Coaches, Timers, Volunteers, Meet Marshalls), Announcements for the Announcer to read, copy of MAAPP for reference
 - d) Safe Sport Posters for using throughout facility
- 2) Week prior to meet – Same message and attachments as above.
- 3) Week after meet – follow up message to clubs detailing
 - a) Reminder about Safe Sport reporting requirements, how to report, and where to report.
 - b) Reminder to complete the updated Meet Ref/Meet Dir Report, which includes two new questions regarding challenges to following MAAPP at the meet, and potential solutions to reduce or eliminate those challenges at the next meet they host.

In Jan 2025, will evaluate how/if this has improved Safe Sport at Events in our LSC, based on:

- Feedback recorded from Meet Refs and Meet Directors in their Meet Dir/Meet Ref report
- Record of ongoing questions/communications with meet hosts during the course of the year
- Evaluations from meet hosts (short survey will be sent during the short course 2024-2025 season)

Upcoming Safe Sport:

- USA Swimming Safe Sport Chairs Workshop – Saturday, October 26, 2024.