

Good Day GKC Parents, Coaches, and Swimmers,

Greater Kalamazoo Crocs is committed to fostering a safe and healthy environment for its athletes!

[USA Swimming](#) strives to continually improve the programs and services it offers to its members and among these some of the most important relate to the safeguards for protecting young athletes. In an effort to continue to foster safe and positive environments within all member clubs, USA Swimming has provided GKC with [best practice guidelines](#) that help define elements of appropriate behavior and conduct.

Greater Kalamazoo Crocs top priority continues to be keeping its athletes safe. No form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, has a place in our sport.

Greater Kalamazoo Crocs adheres to [USA Swimming's Code of Conduct](#) , which is included in the annual USA Swimming Rulebook.

The [U.S. Center for SafeSport](#) (“the Center”), the separate, independent, organization that oversees all sexual misconduct reports in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement created the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies to set a baseline for acceptable safety standards that limit one-on-one interactions between adults and minor athletes.

Greater Kalamazoo Crocs is committed to providing a safe environment for all of its athletes. To that end, GKC has appointed a Safe Sport Coordinator, Audrey Martin, audreymartin1411@gmail.com to assist with the Safe Sport program. GKC has also put in place numerous policies and procedures that are meant to foster an environment that is safe for all athletes.

USA Swimming and the U.S. Center for Safe Sport have reporting systems to deal with Safe Sport concerns. Comprehensive information is available [HERE](#) .

[To deal with a Safe Sport concern](#) , contact USA Swimming at (719) 866-4578

Contact the U.S. Center for Safe Sport to make a report. Call **833-5US-SAFE (587-7233)** or use the [online reporting form](#).

We, Greater Kalamazoo Crocs, fully endorse and support USA Swimming’s Safe Sport and Safety programs by helping to provide countless resources for our club members which can be found on our very own website, [Greater Kalamazoo Crocs - SafeSport](#) . Additional resources can also be found at <https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport> .

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely – Greater Kalamazoo Crocs, Board of Directors