



# SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



**Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year to all our USA Swimming Safe Sport supporters!

We know with a new year comes new opportunities to provide best in class service to all our USA Swimming members, and we hope you will continue to strive for an abuse-free environment in our sport with us.



## SSRP Feature - Swim Torrance

As one of the first USA Swimming member clubs to accomplish Safe Sport Club Recognition in 2019, Swim Torrance has now successfully renewed their membership in the program.

"We like that (USA Swimming) Safe Sport supports the boundaries we already created regarding parent/swimmer/coach relationships throughout the athletes' progressions within our program," Swim Torrance head coach Kimi Davidson said.

Read more on how Swim Torrance continues to make Safe Sport a top priority on the swim team.

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## Completed Vieth Report

If you didn't get a chance to read the update on USA Swimming's Vieth Report Task Force recommendations last month - here is your chance!

This is a major accomplishment for USA Swimming and the Safe Sport program. We are so proud of the work and support which has been put into completing these recommendations, and want to specifically recognize our volunteers for their dedication. Our volunteers continuously help push our commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment, free from abuse for all our members.

Read more about how USA Swimming Safe Sport completed the recommendations below.

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## Reach Out to Your Zone Safe Sport Chair

The beginning of the year is the perfect time to reach out to your USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chair to check in! Take the time to establish a relationship with your Zone Chair and see if they have any recommendations for you.

Remember, each Zone Chair can assist in the training of and dissemination of information to 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 throughout the year.

See below for our current USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chairs and their email addresses.

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## Meet Marshal Non-Athlete Membership Requirement Update

As previously communicated to all USA Swimming members, in order to comply with U.S. Center for SafeSport requirements, the USA Swimming Board of Directors approved expanding Corporate Bylaw 2.6.6, which set forth those who must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming. This expansion included requiring meet marshals be registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming effective January 1, 2022.

Specifically in reference to requiring non-athlete membership of meet marshals, USA Swimming received a significant amount of member feedback. As a result of that feedback, USA Swimming requested a specific review from the Center regarding the role of a meet marshal and whether it meets the threshold of a volunteer who interacts directly and frequently with athletes or has authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties. **We recently received confirmation from the Center that the role of a meet marshal does not rise to the level of contact with or authority over athletes significant enough to require non-athlete membership of these volunteers.** The Board of Directors acted quickly to approve amending Corporate Bylaw 2.6.6 to remove the requirement for meet marshals to register as non-athlete members of USA Swimming. Concurrently, the Operational Risk Committee has worked to standardize the role of a meet marshal and developed Meet Marshal Standards. The Committee has also developed a standard meet marshal training program, which will be released in 2022

**Please note, this change is only in reference to meet marshals, and all other communicated categories will still be required to become non-athlete members of USA Swimming no later than January 1, 2022.** These individuals include:

- 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, as well as stroke and turn judges; 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.

Thank you for your continued support to make USA Swimming the best-in-class organization it is today. For further questions, please reach out to [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org)



**Athlete Protection**



**Activity Books**



**U.S. Center for**

## Training

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

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You can either [purchase](#) books on Match-Up or download PDF versions for [5-11 year olds](#) and [12-18 year olds](#).

[VIEW MORE RESOURCES](#)

## SafeSport

Make sure you have the new number saved.

It is 1-833-5US-SAFE (587-7233).

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## 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.

**TRAINING  
WEBSITE**

## **Free Resources & Reminders**

### ***Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy***

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

### ***Safe Sport Club Recognition Tips Sheet***

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

### ***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.

### ***Parent Resource Guide***

Although these were sent to every USA Swimming member household, save the digital copy for future reference!

### ***Guide to Child Physical Abuse***

Whether you are a coach or volunteer, become familiar with this guide.