



# SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



## Bullying Prevention Month

October is Bullying Prevention Month. See below for ways you can **confirm**, **prepare** or **educate** this month:

- **Confirm** you have an action plan to address bullying.
  - View USA Swimming's model policy in English or Spanish on our [Club Toolkit](#) page.
- **Prepare** an activity to discuss with athletes.
  - Creating a good culture helps minimize bullying. The Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes As Leaders cards, located on our [Team Talk](#) page, are a great way to engage with both female and male athletes throughout the month.
- **Educate** yourself and your club on the importance of this month by viewing these websites:
  - [www.StopBullying.gov](http://www.StopBullying.gov)



## SSRP Reminder

**Reminder: The opportunity to win a virtual appearance with a U.S. National Team member or alum will last through December 2021!**

In order to participate in this opportunity, you must be a Safe Sport Recognized Club by December 2021. In addition, USA Swimming Safe Sport branded tents are only available through the end of the year.

Make sure to take advantage of these opportunities before 2022.

[SSRP INFO](#)



## MAAPP 2.0

**The deadline to implement MAAPP 2.0 was September 1, 2021.**

This is a requirement for all USA Swimming members, its member clubs, LSCs and Zones. In addition, all members must review and sign this policy annually.

Additional resources and details, including consent forms, webinars and sample forms, can be found below.

[MAAPP](#)



## Match-Up

Order Safe Sport materials through Match-Up.

Some popular items include:

- Activity Books
- Kickboards
- Tattoos
- Caps
- Rally towels

[WEBSITE](#)



## Hispanic Heritage Month

Take advantage of the numerous Spanish-translated documents, available on the USA Swimming's website.

Available Safe Sport resources include:

- [Model policies](#), such as:
  - Action plan to address bullying
  - Photography
- [Best Practice Guidelines](#)

Spanish Resources Also Available:

- [Membership Forms](#)
- [Popular Phrases](#)
- [Essentials in Spanish](#)

We will continue to provide resources for all our members on our website.

[SAFE SPORT WEBSITE](#)



## SSRP LSC Spotlight

In July 2021, [Maine Swimming LSC](#) had five clubs earn Safe Sport Club Recognition. When asked about this accomplishment, they said:

**"Maine swimming has always believed that putting athletes first is of the utmost priority."**

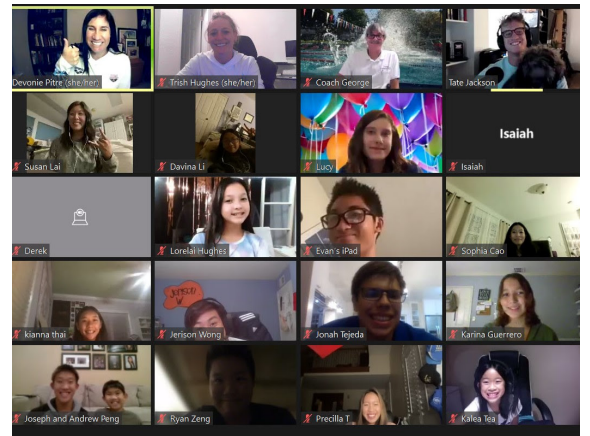
Read more from Maine Swimming Safe Sport Chair Matt Montgomery and House of Delegates member Mary Ellen Tynan, and how they continue to push for clubs to become Safe Sport Recognized, in this month's SSRP feature.

[READ MORE](#)

## Reach Out If You Need Guidance

Remember, each Zone has a USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chair who assists in the training 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.



## September 2021 Visit Winner

On Monday, September 27, [San Gabriel Sea Gulls](#) had a virtual visit with alum [Tate Jackson](#).

**[Watch here](#) to see SGSG athletes having fun after finding out about the virtual appearance!**

Learn more about how to win a visit from a National Team member or alum by becoming a Safe Sport Recognized club [here](#).

[PREVIOUS WINNERS](#)

## 2021 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, October 20, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))

### ***Athlete Training (ages 12-18):***

- Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))

### ***Coach Training:***

- Friday, October 22, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))



## **Membership Extension from 9/1/21 to 1/1/22**

On July 15, 2021, you received a communication announcing all employees and individuals serving on the board of directors of USA Swimming Zones, Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) and member clubs must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming. Since then, we have received numerous inquiries about how this requirement applies to institutionally-owned clubs. USA Swimming has been working with the U.S. Center for SafeSport in an attempt to be able to provide guidance to institutionally-owned clubs. To date, we continue this effort but do not have full guidance to provide.

As a result, USA Swimming is **extending the implementation date of this requirement to January 1, 2022**. We anticipate being able to provide full guidance to clubs, LSCs and members in advance of this new deadline. Please look forward to receiving further communications from USA Swimming on this matter.

Please note, all individuals who have direct and frequent contact with, or who have authority over, athletes are required to be non-athlete members of USA Swimming. For any questions or concerns, please contact [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org).

## **Free Resources**

### ***USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference***

Watch the [webinars](#) from the 2021 USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference.

### ***Resources for You and Your Club***

Read more on the [USA Swimming Safe Sport resources](#) available to you now.

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

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