



# SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



## Important Holidays to Watch

November has some important dates to remember. Be prepared to provide educational opportunities about these important holidays.

- **November 14-20:** Child Safety Week
- **November 19:** Word Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse

Below are some tips and resources you can use to provide an educational opportunity within your club or LSC:

- Make sure everyone has the U.S. Center for SafeSport's updated reporting number. It is **1-833-5US-SAFE (587-7233)**.
- Review the new [Guide to Child Physical Abuse](#).
- Start working on the [Safe Sport Club Recognition](#) program with your club.
- Bring continued attention to the mandatory [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy](#) by having conversations about the program, utilizing example consent forms and confirming your club is using the updated MAAPP 2.0 policy.
- Confirm all athletes 18 years old and above have taken the [Athlete Protection Training](#) so they can participate in all USA Swimming sanctioned meets this year.
- Download Activity Books for [5-11 year olds](#) or [12-18 year olds](#) to complete.
- Encourage athletes, parents and coaches to attend the [SSRP trainings](#) before the end of the year.
- Request a USA Swimming [Safe Sport Speaker](#) to talk to your club or LSC.

To view more resources, visit USA Swimming Safe Sport's Club Toolkit page.

[CLUB TOOLKIT](#)



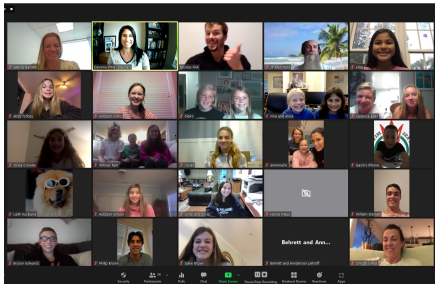
## SSRP Spotlight

[Pittsburgh Elite Aquatics](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania joined the growing list of clubs who are becoming Safe Sport Recognized.

**"We feel very confident that these efforts will now set the tone for a safe and healthy practice and meet season."**

Read more about Pittsburgh Elite Aquatics and why they thought becoming Safe Sport Recognized was important.

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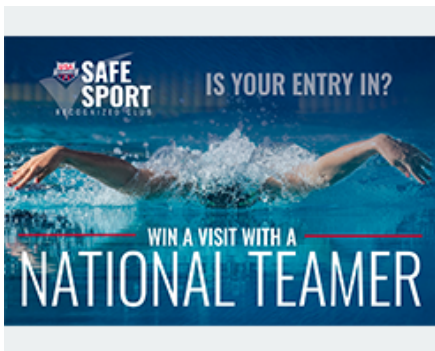


## October 2021 Visit Winner

On Thursday, October 28, [NSEA Swim Sea Devils](#) had a virtual visit with alum [Nic Fink](#).

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](#)



## SSRP Reminder

Reminder: The opportunity to win a



## MAAPP 2.0

The deadline to implement MAAPP

**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](#)

**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](#)

### Reach Out If You Need Guidance

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

Central Zone | Paul Stauder | [paul.stauder@att.net](mailto:paul.stauder@att.net)  
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Southern Zone | Mike O'Shaughnessy | [oshaughmdc@gmail.com](mailto:oshaughmdc@gmail.com)  
Western Zone | April Walkley | [jessafesport@gmail.com](mailto:jessafesport@gmail.com)

### New Membership Category Informational Webinars

Learn more about USA Swimming's new membership category by attending an informational webinar. These webinars will be structured similarly to the MAAPP 2.0 informational webinars, and will have recordings available to view afterwards.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. ET ([REGISTER](#))

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 1 p.m. ET ([REGISTER](#))

Both webinars will be led by USA Swimming Safe Sport staff.

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

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

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

***Coach Training:***

- Friday, November 5, 2021 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, December 3, 2021 at 3 p.m. ET ([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](#)

## **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.