



SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

USA Swimming's top priority continues to be creating healthy and positive environments free from abuse for all its members. With April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, USA Swimming Safe Sport staff will continue educating our members on the many [free resources](#) available.

To start, here are some resources and links available to you:

- [Club Toolkit](#)
- USA Swimming Safe Sport [policies](#) and [best practice guidelines](#)
- Review and customize club requirements, such as the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy \(MAAPP\)](#)
- Take the [Athlete Protection Training](#) course
- Become a [Safe Sport Recognized Club](#)
- [Report](#) a concern
- Review the list of [individuals permanently suspended or ineligible for membership](#)

Check back on USA Swimming's website and social channels throughout the month to learn more.



Red Flag Behaviors

Read about some key red flag behaviors to be aware of when adults spend time with children.

[Read More](#)



Save the Date!

Save the date for [USA Swimming's Safe Sport Leadership Conference](#):

- **When:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021
- **Where:** A virtual event (Zoom)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Speaker Topics:**
 - Adverse childhood experiences
 - Resiliency
 - Suicide awareness and prevention

[Register](#)

U.S. Center for SafeSport Code

All of our members are subject to the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement. Effective April 1, 2021, the U.S. Center for SafeSport has updated the newest version of the SafeSport Code. Please review the SafeSport Code by clicking the link below.

[Access Updated Code Here](#)

USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chairs

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 because they will help guide, support and share information with you.

The USA Swimming Safe Sport staff is proud to be working with all of our Zone Safe Sport Chairs. See below for the 2021 USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chairs and their email addresses.

Central Zone	Paul Stauder	paul.stauder@att.net
Eastern Zone	Anne Kaufman	nesafesport@gmail.com
Southern Zone	Mike O'Shaughnessy	oshaughmdc@gmail.com
Western Zone	April Walkley	iessafesport@gmail.com

Safe Sport Team Feature

Each month, the USA Swimming will be highlighting a recent Safe Sport Recognized club. We are excited to spotlight the amazing clubs who are going above and beyond requirements to maintain a healthy and positive environment free from abuse. Make sure to become a [Safe Sport Recognized](#) club today!

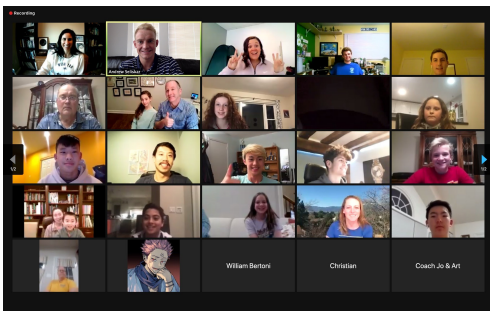


Boise Swim Club

"We want our athletes to feel like **Boise Swim Club is a safe place** for them to come to."

Learn more about Boise Swim Club (Boise, ID) in this month's feature article below.

[Read More](#)



March 2021 SSRP National Team Visit Winner

On Tuesday, March 9, [FISH](#) had a virtual visit with [Andrew Seliskar](#)!

Learn more about this SSRP incentive [here](#) and click below to view the full list of recipients.

[More](#)

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. Starting in January, **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, April 14, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Athlete Training (ages 12-18):

- Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Coach Training:

- Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 1 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, April 16, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, May 14, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, June 25, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([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

SSRP Tips Sheet

Have you been SSRP approved? Use our [Tips Sheet](#) to help spread the word!

Safe Sport Club Recognition FAQ

We have updated our Safe Sport Club Recognition FAQ sheet! To view the updated PDF, please click [here](#).

Additional Club Portal User

Follow [these](#) easy steps to add an additional club portal user to help you achieve Safe Sport Club Recognition status.

Safe Sport Activity Books

The Activity Books are still available! To purchase books, please visit our purchasing page [here](#). PDF versions for [5-11 year olds](#) and [12-18 year olds](#) are also available to download.

Meet 360

This [informational resource guide](#) will help assist administrators in creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for athletes during swim meets.

Team Talk Page

Use [this page](#) to access free materials such as the [CBIM](#) and [AAL](#) cards.

Friendly Reminders for You

SSRP Renewals

- Safe Sport Recognized club status expires after two years. If you are coming up on your expiration, please start gathering your information. For more information on how to renew, visit [here](#).

Athlete Protection Training (APT) Exemptions

- Please reference [this](#) document for exemptions and accommodations for APT.

Keep Us in the Loop

- We want to know what your LSC & teams are doing – send us a picture at safesport@usaswimming.org with a brief description for a chance to be featured online or in our next newsletter.