



# SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



## USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference Recap

Thank you to all who attended the USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference! It was a great event and we hope you learned a lot. Special thank you to our four guest speakers: Dr. Bruce Perry, Dr. Chris Renjilian, Megan Bartlett and Cassandra Walton.

If you didn't get a chance to watch the event live, please see below for the recordings.

- ***Adverse Childhood Experiences*** with Dr. Bruce Berry | [Webinar](#) | [Slides](#)
- ***Cultivating Resiliency & Overcoming Obstacles*** with Dr. Chris Renjilian | [Webinar](#) | [Slides](#)
- ***Why Trauma Informed Sport is Vital*** with Megan Bartlett | [Webinar](#) | [Slides](#)
- ***Suicide Awareness & Prevention*** with Cassandra Walton | [Webinar](#) | [Slides](#)

To look back on all USA Swimming Safe Sport webinars, please click button below.

[WEBINARS](#)

## **New Safe Sport Club Recognition Incentives**

Effective April 6, 2021, USA Swimming member clubs who become Safe Sport Recognized are eligible to receive additional incentives approved by the Keeping Athletes First Working Group.

Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) with the following percentages of member clubs achieving Safe Sport Club Recognition within the stated timeframes will receive the financial incentive and Match-Up Promotions coupon codes detailed below\*:

- 25% of member clubs in the geographic territory achieve Recognition by May 1, 2021: \$1,500 and \$200 Match-Up coupon code.
- 50% of member clubs in the geographic territory achieve Recognition by June 15, 2021: \$2,000 and \$300 Match-Up coupon code.
- 75% of member clubs in the geographic territory achieve Recognition by July 1, 2021: \$2,500 and \$400 Match-Up coupon code.
- 100% of member clubs in the geographic territory achieve Recognition by September 1, 2021: \$3,000 and \$500 Match-Up coupon code.

Additionally, upon achieving Safe Sport Club Recognition, USA Swimming will send member clubs a USA Swimming Safe Sport branded pop-up changing tent.

Wondering how to get started? View the Safe Sport Club Recognition FAQs [here](#), then follow [these](#) easy steps to add an additional user to your club portal.

To read more about these incentives, click the link below.

\*Seasonal USA Swimming Registered Clubs are not required to become Safe Sport Recognized for LSCs to achieve the total percentages and receive the incentives. However, if LSC's have seasonal clubs that are Safe Sport Recognized, those clubs will count towards the required percentage.

[NEW INCENTIVES](#)

**LSCs Reach First Incentive**



## Milestone

Congratulations to the 29 LSCs who achieved 25% or more of its clubs being USA Swimming Safe Sport Recognized before the May 1, 2021 deadline!

These LSCs will be receiving \$1,500 and a \$200 Match-Up Promotional coupon code.

[SEE FULL LIST](#)



## Resources for You and Your Club

Review what USA Swimming Safe Sport resources are available for you and your club.

[READ MORE](#)

## 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.

## Swim Fort Lauderdale

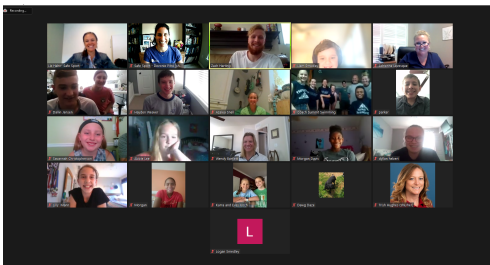
"Safe Sport is truly part of **our mission and team culture.**"

Learn more about [Swim Fort](#)



[Lauderdale](#) (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) in this month's feature article below.

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### April 2021 National Team Visit Winner

On Wednesday, April 28, [Summit Swimming](#) had a virtual visit with [Zach Harting](#).

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

[PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS](#)

## 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	<a href="mailto:paul.stauder@att.net">paul.stauder@att.net</a>
Eastern Zone	Anne Kaufman	<a href="mailto:nesafesport@gmail.com">nesafesport@gmail.com</a>
Southern Zone	Mike O'Shaughnessy	<a href="mailto:oshaughmdc@gmail.com">oshaughmdc@gmail.com</a>
Western Zone	April Walkley	<a href="mailto:iessafesport@gmail.com">iessafesport@gmail.com</a>

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

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

- 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.

## Free Resources

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

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

### ***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 [Coaching Boys Into Men](#) and [Athletes As Leaders](#) cards.

## Friendly Reminders for You

### SSRP Renewals

- Safe Sport Club Recognition 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.

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### Keep Us in the Loop

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