



# SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



## National Coloring Day - September 14, 2021

September 14, 2021 is National Coloring Day!

[Purchase](#) or download your Activity Books to celebrate this holiday with your Local Swimming Committee (LSC) or USA Swimming member club.

- PDF versions for [5-11 year olds](#)
- PDF versions for [12-18 year olds](#)

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

[CLUB TOOLKIT](#)



## USA Swimming Safe Sport's MAAPP Requirements

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.

Learn more by visiting the link below.



## MAAPP 2.0 Consent Forms

Still looking for consent form examples for MAAPP 2.0? Check out our example forms below.



## 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).



## Athlete Protection Training (APT)

All new and current adult USA Swimming members, including adult athletes, are responsible for ensuring compliance with USA Swimming membership requirements. **APT must be renewed annually in order to maintain compliance.**

Adult athlete members will not be permitted to participate in USA Swimming-sanctioned competition if this requirement is not met. Please reference [this](#) document for exemptions and accommodations for APT.

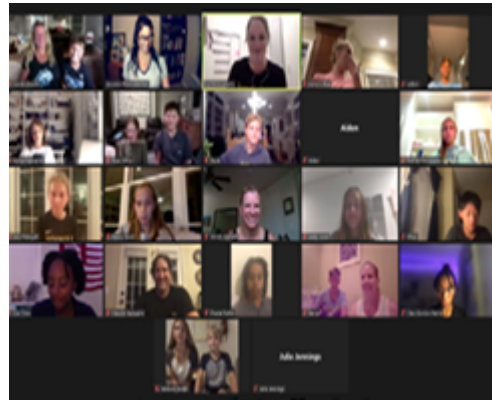
[MORE INFO](#)

## Reporting

It is not always easy to recognize abuse, and it can be even more challenging to step in if you suspect something isn't right. Don't let being unsure stop you from reporting behavior. If you are unsure, you can always:

- Contact local law enforcement or child protective services
- Reach out to USA Swimming Safe Sport staff at [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org)
- Reach out to the U.S. Center for SafeSport [here](#)

To find out more about reporting, including your mandatory reporting requirements, please visit USA Swimming's website below.



### SSRP Club Spotlight

"We pride ourselves on having a very family-oriented team culture. **Safe Sport helps us keep healthy boundaries while still being able to connect with our swimmers and their families.**"

Read more about [Johnston Blaze Swim Club](#) and why they became Safe Sport Recognized in this month's SSRP feature.

[READ MORE](#)

### August 2021 Alum Visit Winner

On Thursday, August 26, [Club Kick Start](#) had a virtual visit with alum [Cammile Adams](#).

**[Watch here](#) as athletes found out they won this 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](#)

### Starting Your Season With Safe Sport In Mind

Need help figuring out how you will help implement USA Swimming Safe Sport into your everyday culture? Reach out to your LSC Safe Sport Chair/Coordinator for ideas!

In addition, 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.

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](mailto:paul.stauder@att.net)  
Eastern Zone | Anne Kaufman | [nesafesport@gmail.com](mailto:nesafesport@gmail.com)  
Southern Zone | Mike O'Shaughnessy | [oshaughmdc@gmail.com](mailto:oshaughmdc@gmail.com)  
Western Zone | April Walkley | [iessafesport@gmail.com](mailto:iessafesport@gmail.com)

## 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, September 15, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- 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, September 16, 2021 at 8 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- 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, September 17, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, October 22, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, November 5, 2021 at 3 p.m. EST ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, December 3, 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**

### ***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.

### ***Team Talk Page***

Use [this page](#) to access free materials such as the [Coaching Boys Into Men](#) and [Athletes As Leaders](#) cards.

## **Friendly Reminders**

### **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](#).