



SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



How did you celebrate?

How did you celebrate International Children's Day on June 1, 2022? Let our staff know by sending in a news tip at the link below!

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MAAPP

Stand with USA Swimming in creating a positive and healthy environment free from abuse for all our athletes. Review the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) with your club so everyone understands this commitment.



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AquaSol Prioritizes Positive Team Culture

"The minute they all walk onto the pool deck, we want them to know that their teammates are their people," said coach Aimee Lehr.

Read more how AquaSol has built a mindful swim team focused on individual growth below.

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North Carolina Swimming Requires SSRP to Host Meets

North Carolina Swimming joins the ranks by providing SSRP approval to host swim meets in it's LSC. Read how they accomplished this below.

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How to Help Athletes Have Difficult Conversations

Difficult conversations are never easy. Read these tips to help improve your athlete's ability to handle difficult conversations.

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Reach Out to Your Zone Safe Sport Chair

Reach out to your USA Swimming Zone Safe Sport Chair to check in! Take the time to establish a relationship with your Zone Chair and see if they have any recommendations for you.

Remember, each Zone Chair can assist in the training of and dissemination of information to 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 throughout the year.

See below for our current 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 for Parents

The *Safe Sport for Parents* page on USA Swimming's website can be a valuable asset for swim parents. Feel free to explore the page and share to your membership.

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2022 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 2022, 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 upcoming training dates below:

Parent Training:

- Wednesday, June 8 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, July 13 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, August 3 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, September 7 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Athlete Training (ages 12-18):

- Thursday, June 9 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, July 14 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, August 4 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, September 8 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Coach Training:

- Friday, June 10 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, July 15 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, August 5 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, September 9 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.

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Show Us Your Safe Sport

Great job to Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center in Thornton, Colorado. This picture was taken at a recent swim meet and shows their commitment to showcasing Safe Sport content throughout the facility.

How are you implementing Safe Sport on your club or at meets? Submit a news tip story below for a chance to be featured on USA Swimming's website!

[SUBMIT STORIES
HERE](#)

Free Resources & Reminders

Safe Sport Club Recognition Tips Sheet

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

Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes As Leaders Cards

These free, digital cards are available for clubs on [USA Swimming's Safe Sport Team Talk](#) page.

Parent Resource Guide

Although these were sent to every USA Swimming member household, save the digital copy for future reference!

Guide to Child Physical Abuse

Whether you are a coach or volunteer, become familiar with this guide.

Safe Sport Activity Books

You can either [purchase](#) books on Match-Up or download PDF versions for [5-11 year olds](#) and [12-18 year olds](#).