



SAFE SPORT NEWSLETTER



October is Bullying Prevention Month

With October being Bullying Prevention Month, it is the perfect time to freshen up on FREE USA Swimming Safe Sport resources.

- The [Coaching Boys Into Men](#) and [Athletes As Leaders](#) conversation cards allow coaches to conduct brief weekly (or monthly) conversations around scenarios.
- Make sure your USA Swimming member club has an Action Plan to Address Bullying. If you need an example, USA Swimming Safe Sport provides a model policy [here](#) (also available in Spanish).
- Sometimes reported issues are peer to peer. Does your club have a guide to address these reports? See USA Swimming's Safe Sport [Guide: Peer to Peer](#) for more insight on how to get started.
- Posters are a great way to make sure all athletes are safe. Some [examples](#) USA Swimming Safe Sport provides include No Cameras, Locker Room guidelines and Reporting.
- The 2021 Safe Sport Leadership Conference hosted amazing guest speakers who spoke on topics of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Cultivating Resiliency & Overcoming Obstacles, Why Trauma Informed Sport is Vital and Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Take a moment to review the webinars and slides, available on the Safe Sport archive webinars page [here](#).

Stay up-to-date with Safe Sport resources by visiting the Safe Sport Team Talk website below.

USA Swimming Safe Sport LSC Workshop

USA Swimming LSC Safe Sport Chairs and Coordinators are invited to attend the USA Swimming LSC Safe Sport Workshop!

When: Saturday, October 15 from 3 - 6 p.m. ET | [REGISTER](#)

Who: LSC Safe Sport Chairs and Coordinators

What: Below are the topics scheduled for the Workshop:

- Safe Sport 101
- What s my role as a Safe Sport Chair?
- Reporting Requirements
 - What to do with a third hand report
- Online Registration and how it's connected to Safe Sport
- Safe Sport Club Recognition
- Breakout sessions
- Important calendar dates

Why: To go over the newest resources and Safe Sport information!

Registration link will be sent directly to Safe Sport Chairs and Coordinators.

Deadline for Updated California Reporting Requirements - November 3, 2022

The State of California has enacted the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA). To assist our members residing in California, USA Swimming has provided resources on its website and has enacted new membership requirements for California-residing adult non-athlete members.

Next steps for California residents:

1. Access and review two new sample resources though the USA Swimming Safe Sport website.
 - [Acknowledgement to Report Child Abuse Form](#)
 - [Suspected Child Abuse Report Form](#)
2. Complete the Mandatory Reporting: Understanding Your Responsibility course on [LEARN](#). It is suggested that you capture a screenshot of or save your completion certificate in PDF form, incase it is needed for future reference.
3. Send your certificate of completion for Mandatory Reporting: Understanding Your Responsibility to your Local Swimming Committee (LSC) Registration Chair.

Any California-residing non-athlete member who has not completed this training as of November 3, 2022 will be ineligible to participate with USA Swimming unless or until such time as the training is completed.

Learn more information on the USA Swimming Safe Sport website below.

[LEARN MORE](#)



National Committee Applications Open Until October 14, 2022!

Committees are made up of volunteers from around the country and are essential in the governance of the organization. This year, we are looking to add new members to the Safe Sport National Committee.

Apply to the Safe Sport Committee, or any other National Committee, before **Friday, October 14, 2022!**

[APPLY HERE](#)

SSRP Spotlight: SOLO Aquatics

"Safe Sport is at the top of our priority



list, and we make sure that parents and athletes know this as they join our program."

Read more on how SOLO Aquatics implements Safe Sport into their every day practice.

[READ MORE](#)



Anonymous Text Message Reporting - Available NOW

Any USA Swimming member can now report anonymously, if they wish, through text messaging at 888-270-SWIM (7946).

USA Swimming announced its alignment with RealResponse, an award-winning safe and secure feedback, monitoring and anonymous reporting platform.

"We are excited to provide this valuable new resource for our USA Swimming members," said Liz Hahn, USA Swimming's Program Director for Safe Sport.

All previous reporting mechanisms such as email, phone and the online reporting form, will continue to be available [here](#).

Learn more below.

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Annual Business Meeting

The USA Swimming House of Delegates conducted its annual meeting on September 24, 2022.

At this meeting, the House of Delegates passed important legislative changes to the USA Swimming Rulebook. The results of the voting can be found on the USA Swimming website [here](#), under "2022 Approved Legislative Changes to Rulebook." These changes will be reflected in the 2023 USA Swimming Rulebook, but please note effective dates vary and are identified in the document as to each item.

Please feel free to share this information with any interested member.

For any questions, please contact swimrulesandregs@gmail.com.

[ABM Homepage](#)



Attend New Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Educational Webinars

Join USA Swimming's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion staff in USA Swimming's new webinar

series!

The first webinar will be held on **October 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. ET**. It will focus on gaining a better understanding of how diversity, equity and inclusion can be utilized and enacted upon by all USA Swimming members at the club, Local Swimming Committee and National levels.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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

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, October 19 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, November 2 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Wednesday, December 7 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Athlete Training (ages 12-18):

- Thursday, October 27 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, November 3 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Thursday, December 8 at 8 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Coach Training:

- Friday, October 28 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, November 4 at 3 p.m. ET ([REGISTER HERE](#))
- Friday, December 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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WEBSITE**

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!

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](#).

Talk to us today

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