

## IES Safe Sport 2025 Fall HOD Report

# Safe Sport awareness, education and attention to procedural details help us all as an LSC to protect athletes.

As of October 20, 2025, IES currently has one club started and in progress on SSRP and 16 achieved or renewed out of 18 clubs, for a SSRP completion percentage of almost 89%, which is the top LSC in the country! We appreciate all the clubs' efforts!

**November 8** - National Training for LSC Chairs and Club Chairs - watch email for more information!

## **Activity Report Since Spring HOD:**

- Safe Sport table at long course champs in Pasco
- Regular emails shared with club SSC communicating training opportunities, updates and resources
- Attended USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference and the USA Swimming Annual Meeting and Safe Sport Training

## **Travel Policy Information:**

USA Swimming does require that teams follow expectations regarding in program travel, lodging, and residential environments as outlined in the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy. You can find the full policy here <u>Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy</u>

As teams oversee their own travel policies and expectations (aside from the requirements of MAAPP), this is a list of possible questions to be discussed regarding lodging arrangements. These questions can help provide clarity on the team's travel and lodging policies and help ensure athlete's well-being and safety during the trip. Each team may have different practices for managing travel and lodging

arrangements.

- What is the team's policy on room assignments?
  - Will athletes be sharing rooms, and how are roommates assigned?
- Who will be supervising the athletes during the stay?
  - Will there be chaperones or designated adults assigned to monitor the athletes at all times?
- What are the security measures in place at the lodging facility?
  - Are there any security protocols, such as keycards, curfews, or restricted access to rooms?
- Are there any specific behavior expectations for athletes during their stay?
  - What rules are in place regarding curfews, check-in times, and appropriate conduct?
- What accommodations will be provided for the athletes?
  - Will meals be provided, or should athletes bring money for food?
  - Will athletes be given time for personal activities outside of scheduled team events?
- How will conflicts between athletes be addressed during the trip?
  - o If issues arise between athletes, how will they be managed or resolved?
- How will communication with parents be handled during the trip?
  - Will there be updates or a point of contact for parents in case of an emergency or concern?
- How are athletes' personal items and valuables handled?
  - Are there any protocols for ensuring the safety and security of athletes' belongings?
- What happens if an athlete is not feeling well or has a medical emergency during the stay?
  - What is the protocol for handling health-related issues while traveling?
- What lodging facility will the athletes be staying at?
  - Can you provide information about the facility's safety standards, reputation, and proximity to the event?
- Is it possible to arrange our own lodging for this trip?
  - o If we make our own lodging arrangements, are there any guidelines we need to follow?

### **Meet Marshal Training:**

Best practices recommendation for IES teams is to have your Meet Marshals complete the Meet Marshal Exam after reviewing the Meet Marshal Training Guide. They do not have to be members of USA Swimming to complete this - they simply access the course in the Education tab under Course Catalog in their parent account.

#### **Resources-**

**MEET 360** – Reminder that you need to use Safe Sport Meet 360 at the meets that are sanctioned in your LSC's upcoming season. Find guidelines here <u>LSC</u> Sanctioned Meet 360.

**SAFE SPORT INDIVIDUALS SUSPENDED OR INELIGIBLE LIST** – Be sure to check the banned and suspended list for anyone helping at a meet who is not a USA Swimming member. <a href="Individuals Suspended or Ineligible">Individuals Suspended or Ineligible</a>

**UPCOMING TRAININGS 2025-26** – Continue to spread the word about these trainings and the other options available to meet this education requirement. View the upcoming training dates here: <a href="Upcoming Webinars & Presentations">Upcoming Webinars & Presentations</a>. All participants will need to register to attend training. Please send this information to all your clubs.

TIPS FOR PARENT COURSE COMPLETIONS TO SHOW ON CLUB REPORTS — Parents need to be connected to an athlete registered with the club in order for their completion of the course "Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport" to show on the club's reports. In order for a second parent to connect to the athlete the parent's name and email must be listed in the athlete's member contact info section of their member profile. See these instructions from our Information Technology department <a href="How to Link a Child to More Than One Account.">How to Link a Child to More Than One Account.</a>

#### Current IES Safe Sport Policy Regarding Meet Hosting

- To be eligible to bid/request a host must either have achieved SSRP or have started the process.
- Beginning in January 2025, sanctions may only be issued to current IES Clubs in good standing that are SSRP recognized.

#### **Current IES Meet Sanction Process**

- Club will send IES Sanction Chair a request for meet sanction request includes copy of meet announcement to be sanctioned.
- The Sanction Chair will forward sanction request to the Safe Sport Chair to verify if the club has reached SSRP status or the minimum number of points.

If the club has not met recognition, the Safe Sport Chair can aid the club to reach the level of required SSRP points/recognition before a sanction will be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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