



WZ Safe Sport 2024 Fall HOD Report

Safe Sport awareness, education and attention to procedural details help us all as a zone.

2024 was a building and growth year for WZ Safe Sport. I am excited for 2024/25 and we will have additional Safe Sport projects and proposal for Championship meet support.

As of Aug 9, 2024, We currently have 300 clubs started and in progress SSRP and 282 achieved or renewed. 190 clubs have not started. Thank you for your support and experiences.

Ideas for 2025

Optional for LSCs (many have found this effective in getting clubs certified) Safe Sport Policy

- *All meet/club-hosted meets must be recognized as SSRP club to be issued a meet sanction (*
 - *A club/Team registering and not SSRP certified will pay double the club registration fee. Any fees paid will be used for LSC Safe Sport Education.*

LSC Meet Sanction Process Idea for those LSCs requiring the club be SSRP to host meets:

- Club will send LSC Sanction Chair a request for meet sanction - request includes copy of meet announcement to be sanctioned.
- The Sanction Chair will forward sanction request to Safe Sport Chair to verify if club has reached SSRP status and meets

If the club has not met recognition, the Safe Sport Chair will aid the club to reach level of required SSRP points.

Championship Meet support:

- **LSC Safe Sport Team support policy would assist and work with the host team to better utilize and support the requirements for LSC hosted meets (local club chair**

who doesn't have to travel far to support would be ideal) These ideas would be worked on in the several months prior to the meet.

- 1. Support and organize meet safe sport staff (4 marshals minimum, preferably 2 of each gender) Could be from designated support staff or host club.**
- 2. MAAPP enforced and Emergency action plan supported by Meet 360 suggestions.**
- 3. Review of Meet 360 and what is mandatory.**
- 4. Sanction specific support for closed deck, locker rooms, cameras and photography signage and enforcement**
- 5. Safe sport tabling and pop-up changing tents.**
- 6. Meet briefings for coaches, officials, volunteer timers, and marshals.**

Safe Sport 2025

Goals and Activities:

1. Educate and share resources every 6 weeks or so with WZ LSC Chairs (activity books, athlete training, webinars, video clips, Darkness to Light, facebook)
2. Safe Sport leadership, continue to lead the way in SSRP recognized clubs, WZ continues to be the leader for LSC clubs renewing and recognized.
3. Support Safe Sport LSC/National Committee/club coordinators-continue to advertise at meets, newsletter, support emails, phone calls and zoom meetings
4. 2025 Budget proposal \$1000
Assure Safe Sport is at every championship meet (athlete fellowship, meet 360, signage, head timer vests, official off duty vests) with Proposal at IES Championship meets for WZ Spring 2024 HOD
5. LSC Safe Sport Workshops (Always willing) Can do as conference call at Team/LSC BOD meetings. We had a session with new mental health resource at USAS for coaches and athletes and a session with Eastern Zone this August that was well attended by WZ athletes and Safe sport chairs.
6. WZ Safe Sport updated website, docs, and club tools
7. Grow SSRP Renewal numbers
8. Continue to connect with LSC Safe Sport Chairs (esp. newly designated) and share successes/what is working. Send emails with updates. Once we launch the new Teams app for LSC Chairs, host a zoom on how to use it.

1. We need to add athlete reps to the Zone SS committee (I hope to connect at Annual business meeting with athletes of the WZ.)

Zone Safe Sport Meet Tabling/representation:

1. WZ LC Zone champs 2024 Clovis
2. USA Swimming fall workshop
3. WZ Open Water Championships CDA Id 2025

MEET 360 – Reminder that you need to use Safe Sport Meet 360 at the meets that sanctioned in your LSC's upcoming season. Find guideline here [LSC 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. <https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport/individuals-suspended-or-ineligible>.

3-MONTH AND 6-MONTH PLANS – As we discussed in the Safe Sport Chairs Workshop, attached are the 3-month and 6-month plans for clubs to use to become Safe Sport Recognized in those timeframes. Please provide feedback as you use these to help clubs achieve recognition letting us know what works and what can be improved.

UPCOMING TRAININGS 2024 – Continue to spread the word about these trainings and the other options available to meet this education requirement. View the upcoming training dates through December are here: [Training Opportunities Resource](#). 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 [How to Link a Child to More Than One Account](#). Additional instruction guides can be found [here](#).

WZ LSC REPORT ON SSRP

Nationally our zone continues to lead the top 20 for started and achieved!
Keep up the amazing work LSC Chairs.

Congratulations to our 8 LSCs in the top 21

Inland Empire Swimming
New Mexico Swimming
Snake River Swimming
Utah Swimming
San Diego Imperial
Pacific Swimming
Pacific Northwest
Arizona Swimming

SSRP Clubs Started + Achieved

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Rank	LSC Name	LSC	Number of Clubs Started App	Number of Clubs Achieved	Number of Clubs Started App or Achieved	Total Number of Clubs	Percent of Clubs Started or Achieved	Percent of Clubs Achieved
1	Inland Empire Swimming	IE	1	12	13	18	72.22%	66.67%
2	North Texas Swimming	NT	4	16	20	27	74.07%	59.26%
3	New Mexico Swimming	NM	3	12	15	21	71.43%	57.14%
4	South Texas Swimming	ST	7	24	31	43	72.09%	55.81%
5	Snake River Swimming	SR	2	6	8	12	66.67%	50.00%
6	Virginia Swimming	VA	11	22	33	47	70.21%	46.81%
7	North Carolina Swimming	NC	11	32	43	69	62.32%	46.38%
8	Maryland Swimming	MD	10	18	28	40	70.00%	45.00%
9	Utah Swimming	UT	12	13	25	33	75.76%	39.39%
10	Border Swimming	BD	3	3	6	8	75.00%	37.50%
11	New England Swimming	NE	20	31	51	90	56.67%	34.44%
12	North Dakota Swimming	ND	6	4	10	13	76.92%	30.77%
13	Niagara Swimming	NI	18	15	33	52	63.46%	28.85%
14	San Diego-Imperial	SI	7	8	15	30	50.00%	26.67%
15	Oklahoma Swimming	OK	4	4	8	17	47.06%	23.53%
16	Potomac Valley Swimming	PV	21	10	31	43	72.09%	23.26%
17	Pacific Swimming	PC	45	23	68	100	68.00%	23.00%
18	Indiana Swimming	IN	24	24	48	105	45.71%	22.86%
19	Pacific Northwest	PN	15	9	24	40	60.00%	22.50%
20	Illinois Swimming	IL	34	23	57	104	54.81%	22.12%
21	Arizona Swimming	AZ	17	9	26	45	57.78%	20.00%

My Safe Sport "Why" is to promote, educate and support every LSC safe sport chair to help create a culture of safety!

Respectfully,

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"Safety and security don't just happen; they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." Nelson Mandela