

Safe Sport Annual Report

Over the past year, we've made significant strides in promoting and strengthening Safe Sport throughout our organization. One of our most notable achievements is a record number of teams completing their Safe Sport Recognition Program (SSRP) – a fantastic milestone that reflects the commitment of our athletes, coaches, and parents to fostering a safe and positive environment.

This year also marked the establishment of a state-level Safe Sport Committee. The committee meets monthly to address emerging issues and develop strategies for increasing awareness and engagement with Safe Sport initiatives.

We've worked to expand our presence at championship meets, beginning with a single banner last winter and growing to two banners and an activity table this summer. These efforts were designed to raise visibility and make Safe Sport more accessible to our community. A key part of our summer outreach was the introduction of a re-designed, visually appealing travel guidelines document, aimed at encouraging parents, athletes, and coaches to read and understand these important policies.

At the activity table, we provided copies of the travel guidelines along with Safe Sport-themed coloring books. To increase engagement, we created a short quiz related to Safe Sport, and participants who completed it were entered into a prize drawing with five winners selected.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we will continue to focus on:

- Increasing our visibility at championship meets
- Supporting and encouraging teams to complete their SSRP
- Promoting participation in USA Swimming Safe Sport trainings
- Ensuring consistent implementation of MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies) at all meets

Additionally, Safe Sport will be a key topic at the upcoming USA Swimming Conference this September. This will provide a valuable opportunity to connect with other LSCs, share best practices, and learn from others' experiences in this continually evolving area.

We are proud of the progress made and look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.