



2019 SCS-Safe Sport Committee Report - June 17, 2019

Safe Sport is constantly moving to the forefront of education and information for athletes, parents, volunteers and all those who are working to create a safer environment for our sport. Areas of importance and interest include the following items of interest:

Safe Sports Introduction and Implementation of the MAAPP Program:

- ✓ At the Western/Southern Zone LSC Workshop In May at the Meeting in Denver MAAPP (The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy) [can be viewed at <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policy> OR at www.usaswimming.org/maapp] was introduced and given a definitive set of dates for Team Implementation, Coach(es) acknowledgement and Parent and Athlete acceptance of, through written affirmation applicable to and pertaining to the following:
 - USA Swimming's top priority continues to be keeping our athletes safe. No form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, has a place in our sport. As a part of our continued commitment to safeguarding our athletes, USA Swimming has enacted enhancements to our Safe Sport policy and education requirements.
 - The U.S. Center for SafeSport ("the Center"), the separate, independent, organization that oversees all sexual misconduct reports in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement created the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies to set a baseline for acceptable safety standards that limit one-on-one interactions between adults and minor athletes.
 - The Center urged all National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to add restrictions tailored to fit the sport. On April 29, 2019, USA Swimming released its Minor Athlete Protection Policy (MAAPP) addressing one-on-one interactions, social media and electronic communications, travel: local and team, locker rooms and changing areas and massages, rubdowns and athletic training modalities. All USA Swimming member clubs are required to implement MAAPP in full by June 23, 2019.
- ✓ Please read the policy along with the educational resources, to assist you in implementing MAAPP.
- ✓ Training our members in abuse prevention and mandatory reporting is just as important as creating policies. USA Swimming is required to provide regular and consistent training for all adults who interact with and have direct contact with minor athletes, including adult athletes. Starting June 23, 2019, as a condition of

membership, all athlete members ages 18 and over must complete Athlete Protection Training. (This information is available for 18+ member athletes at www.usaswimming.org/learn and for Non Members at learn.usaswimming.org)

- ✓ Also you will find educational resources to assist you in understanding and implementing these requirements. Join us in our commitment to do more to keep our athletes safe and abuse out of our sport.
 - ✓ Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy
 - ✓ Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy - Full Policy
 - ✓ Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy - Customizable for Clubs
 - ✓ EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS
 - Applicable Adults
 - One-On-One Interactions
 - Social Media and Electronic Communications
 - Travel
 - Locker Rooms and Changing Areas
 - Massages, Rubdowns and Athletic Training Modalities
 - APT Requirement for Adult Athletes
 - Non-USA Swimming Activities
- ✓ Safe Sport Recognition Program

Congratulations to the teams that have achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition! At present the following statistics are to date as of June 6, 2019.

- 36 clubs have completed Safe Sport Recognition
- 812 clubs have initiated the SSRP process (an increase of 27 since April)
- 58 LSCs have at least one club that has started the process.
- Maine Swimming has the highest percentage of clubs that have started SSRP (75%, 18 of 24 clubs)
- West Texas has the lowest percentage (0%)
- 202 Western zone clubs have started the program/10 clubs are SS recognized
- CONGRATULATIONS TO TOP 10 LSC in WESTERN ZONE!! CO, CA, IE, SR, UT, HI, OR, PNS, SI, AK

Find more information about the Safe Sport Recognized Club Program at www.usaswimming.org/ssrp.

Please note the General Information Sheet which I created for 'my team' as a resource in the introduction/explanation of the MAAPP Policy, APT Training, Mandatory Reporting, and Bullying Prevention to initiate the education of swimmers and parents into the MAAPP Process.

- ✓ Safe Sport Webinars

Safe Sport Staff Member, Liz Hahn has made available the following Mini Webinars on the USA Swimming Safe Sport Website at www.usaswimming.org/maapp

- Applicable Adults

- One on One Interactions
- Social Media & Electronic Communications
- Travel – Local & Team
- Locker Room & Changing Areas
- Massage & Rubdowns/Athlete Modalities
- Training – 18+ Athletes

MAAPP Sample Forms :

Available at www.usaswimming.org/maapp

Language for meets

Acknowledgement of Policy

Permission for a Licensed Massage Therapist or Other Certified Professional or Health Care Provider to Treat a Minor Athlete

Permission for a Mental Health Care Professional or Health Care Provider to have One on One Interaction

Permission for an Unrelated Adult Athlete to Share the Same Lodging with a Minor Athlete

Permission for an Unrelated Applicable Adult to Provide Local Transportation to Minor Athlete

Permission for an Unrelated Applicable Adult to Travel to Competition with Minor Athlete

All past Safe Sport webinars are available here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/articles-landing-page/2017/04/03/online-clinic-series---safe-sport>

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Respectfully Submitted,
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