



## 2020 SCS-Safe Sport Committee Report, September 9, 2020



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:

Please Note the [Zoom Trainings](#) for September. View the training dates at [Training Opportunities Resource](#). (attached)

Trainings available this week at 8:00 pm EST.

Parent Trainings: Wednesday, September 9 at 8:00 p.m. EST

<https://zoom.us/j/93724361466?pwd=OVF4RFINZFpaMHhgSEVVRGwzbmpQUT09>

Athlete Trainings (12-18 years old): Thursday, September 10 at 8:00 p.m. EST

<https://zoom.us/j/97633664936?pwd=YnpXZmljME5PcldacW9ZQ0w5YTFIZz09>

Coaches Training: Friday, September 11 at 8:00 p.m. EST

<https://zoom.us/j/98698656108?pwd=NzQ5TGdjWkRDC0lrcck9tWHpJL1hkQT09>

Activity Books are now available to purchase. [Click here to get your order in.](#)

### Keeping Athletes First Incentives

USA Swimming's Board of Directors endorsed a new incentive, as part of the Keeping Athletes First Action Plan, to continue to increase the number of clubs to achieve Safe Sport Club Recognition.

Once a club achieves Safe Sport Club Recognition, it will be automatically entered into a monthly drawing for the chance to have a National Team member or alum visit your club. This is an exciting opportunity to have a conversation, a clinic and/or take photos with one of these athletes at no cost to the team. All previously recognized clubs and newly recognized clubs will be eligible for entry.

### Additional Information:

1. Monthly drawings will begin July 2, 2020 and continue through December 1, 2021.
2. Clubs can only win one time.
3. Winners will be picked at random and notified via email.
4. The visit will be scheduled at the convenience of the club and athlete and will take place on a single day.
5. The visit may take place in-person or virtually, at USA Swimming's discretion.

6. There will be no cost to your club for the visit.

For more information on this incentive, please click [here](#).

To view the official rules, please click [here](#).

Thank you in advance for demonstrating your club's commitment to Safe Sport by creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. If you have any questions regarding this incentive, please email [ssrp@usaswimming.org](mailto:ssrp@usaswimming.org).

Please Note: Information from Lisa Olack – Chair USA Swimming Times & Recognition Committee

We continue to monitor adult athletes who did not meet the APT requirement and swam in a meet. We are also seeing athletes swimming in both sanctioned and non-sanctioned meets that are not USA Swimming members. In both cases, some of these swimmers were identified last month in the report sent. All times were invalidated, and these performances were not loaded into SWIMS.

This is a reminder for all clubs affected to encourage their 18 & Over athletes become APT compliant.

Please bear in mind that in accordance with Article 202.5.1 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, as a condition of sanction, no swimmer who is not a member of USA Swimming shall be allowed to compete (subject to two specific exceptions). A meet recon prior to the meet will help identify any athlete that is not in compliance. Also, athletes are alerted when this requirement is due. While it is absolutely the responsibility of the athlete member to complete the requirements of membership, as a safeguard, it is the responsibility of the LSC to ensure that all swimmers competing in a sanctioned event be members of USA Swimming in good standing

Note: August 2020 Information from Trish Hughes of USA Swimming SafeSport

End of August Reporting (attached is a resource document to aid in SSRP Team training)

65 clubs completed Safe Sport Recognition in July!

36 clubs completed Safe Sport Recognition in August!

Congratulations! Safe Sport Club Recognition for Piranha Swim Team, Santa Maria Swim Club,

Please note: clubs applying for Safe Sport Recognition it will take at least 10 business days for us to review applications and give feedback for teams.

As you know, our partnership with FUTURES was released on August 11, 2020, which brought to light two amazing new resources for clubs to access: Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes as Leaders. These programs are meant to help fulfill a greater awareness – to encourage healthy relationships and promote leadership among athletes in the fight against sexual violence. These resources are a great way for coaches and other leadership to highlight the importance of being well rounded individuals in and out of the water by having frequent conversations.

if you were not able to attend the webinar Talking to Parents about Safe Sport presented by Elizabeth Hahn, you have not missed out. Please see below you will find a link to the recording of the webinar and slides.

a. Recording: <https://adobe.ly/37gG5n6>

b. Slides: <https://bit.ly/2tS0Vvv>

**New:** All Safe sport materials can now be ordered from the following website:

<https://usaswimmingbrandstore.com/products?s%5Bf%5D%5Bc%5D%5B%5D=%2FSafe+Sport>

### **Reminders.....**

- All MAAPP Sample Forms : Available at [www.usaswimming.org/maapp](http://www.usaswimming.org/maapp)
- All past Safe Sport webinars are available here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/articles-landing-page/2017/04/03/online-clinic-series---safe-sport>
- Questions for Safe Sport can be directed to: Maggie Vail, MSW | Safe Sport Education Manager | (719) 866-3552 | (719) 244-0530 | [//usaswimming.org/protect](http://usaswimming.org/protect) | @SwimSafeSport
- Please continue to follow Safe Sport on Twitter @SwimSafeSport and on Facebook at USA Swimming Safe Sport.

To review all of the services offered for Safe Sport at the US Center for Safe Sport, one can go to:

<https://www.teamusa.org/team-usa-athlete-services/safe-sport>

There you can be directed to the following items of information:

- Athlete Safety - The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic community is committed to providing a positive, healthy and safe environment for American athletes that is free from emotional, physical and sexual abuse. To protect and ensure the safety of athletes – regardless of age, gender or stage of development – the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and member National Governing Bodies are under the jurisdiction of an independent entity, the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- How To Report A Concern
- Law Enforcement
- U.S. Center for SafeSport
- U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee's Office of Athlete Safety
- Suspended Individuals & Disciplinary Records
- The following FAQ's

- When should I report a concern?
- What can I expect when I report?
- What is the U.S. Center for SafeSport's SafeSport Code?
- What is the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee's Athlete Safety Policy?
- How much funding does the USOPC dedicate to the U.S. Center for SafeSport?
- Why was the U.S.Center for SafeSport originally created?



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**Respectfully Submitted,**

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