Georgia Swimming

COVID-19 – Safe Sport Relief Application for Teams

The impact of COVID-19 has presented our swimming community with many challenges. To support Georgia Swimming member clubs, the Board of Directors has authorized the opportunity for member clubs to apply for a one-time, program payment to help manage through disruptions to club business operations and financial challenges during this period.

Under Georgia Swimming, Inc. (“GASI”) bylaws Article 5.6.1 Duties and Powers, the Board of Directors shall act for GASI and the House of Delegates during intervals between meetings of the House of Delegates. Specifically, the Board of Directors is empowered to “Establish and direct policies, procedures and programs for GASI.” The Board of Directors is establishing a program to advance education in Safe Sport within the LSC while providing financial assistance to our member clubs during this time of great need (the “Program”).

GASI’s Vision Statement is “Strong clubs, successful athletes, supported by Georgia Swimming.” This Program aligns with our commitment to increasing opportunity, recognition and growth in competitive swimming and will help to solidify our long-term success. This one-time Program payment aims to support the GASI swimming community and sports industry by providing fiscal relief so clubs can continue their work as charged in our vision and mission statement. This immediate relief is intended to help club leaders and coaches during the COVID-19 pandemic while advancing the LSC’s certification in Safe Sport. The Program payment is intended to assist our clubs as they work to secure longer term recovery resources, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance. This Program is not intended as long-term support, a business loan, or in any way indicative of future support.

To be considered for a Program payment, the applicant must:

1. Be a member club in Georgia Swimming in good standing
2. Attest that the member club has applied for or received Small Business Administration COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan and/or Payroll Protection Program as well as documentation of additional efforts to secure local, state and federal relief.
3. Be (a) currently a Safe Sport Recognized Club or (b) commit to being a Safe Sport Recognized Club by having initiated the application to become a Safe Sport Recognized Club within the earlier of June 30, 2020 or thirty (30) days following federal, state, local, USA Swimming and/or LSC authorization for member clubs to resume practice (as applicable). Member clubs shall make arrangements to repay Program payments to GASI for failure to complete Safe Sport certification obligations under (b) herein.

Member clubs that do not qualify as a 501(c)(3) organization must provide a W9 to the GASI Treasurer prior to Program payment. Such Program payment may be regarded as taxable income by the IRS for non-501(c)(3) member clubs. Such clubs should consult their tax advisor.

Program Applications must be received by May 31, 2020. Program payments will be processed as they are received with all payments expected to be distributed before June 13, 2020. All Program payments will be mailed to the business address on file with the GASI registrar.

All Program applications will be reviewed by the GASI business team and Finance Committee, and preset guidelines will be applied uniformly in the calculation of Program payments to individual member clubs without deviation. Complete your application and submit to admin@gaswim.org.

Member Club Name: Club Code:

Head Coach Name:

# Year Around Registered Athletes: # Flex Registered Athletes

# Meets Sanctioned or on the GASI Calendar in 2019/20 (meets run, canceled or on the calendar):

Team Address:

Team City/State/Zip:

Team Contact Phone #:

Name/Contact:

Name of person completing application:

Email and Contact Phone # of person completing application:

I attest that my member club has (check one):

[ ]  Received Small Business Administration COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan and/or Payroll Protection Program or other related local, state and federal relief.

[ ]  Applied for but have not yet received Small Business Administration COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan and/or Payroll Protection Program or other related local, state and federal relief.

[ ]  Neither of the previous two statements apply to my club.

I attest and/or agree as follows (check one):

[ ]  My club is currently a Safe Sport Recognized Club.

[ ]  My club will be a Safe Sport Recognized Club upon the earlier of June 30, 2020 or within thirty (30) days of a resumption of practice or we will repay to GASI any and all Program payments which my member club has received.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I agree and accept the terms and conditions of this Program and have caused this Program Application to be duly executed.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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