

Safe Sport Chair Report
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Reminder that with a new season beginning and new parents and athletes joining your programs to advertise the Parent and athlete online education tools that are offered at usaswimming.org on their Safe Sport page.

Additionally, clubs need to be sure to follow pre-employment guidelines before hiring. These are the “first line of defense” for clubs to secure quality coaches. These checks include but are not limited to: USA Swimming background checks, motor vehicle checks, reference checks, maintaining updates on Athlete Protection Trainings (APT) annually, social media checks (not required, but suggested), and continued support for coaches to maintain proper coach/athlete boundaries.

Safe Sport also addresses Bullying within our sport. Address reports of bullying within guidelines from USA Swimming or in your own club policies to ensure all swimmers feel safe at the pool physically and emotionally.

The USA Swimming model policies for bullying, travel, and electronic communication are available online from the safe sport page.

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