

2021 MT Swim Fall Safe Sport Update

Happy Fall to everyone!

As we begin our Short Course Season, I would like to take this time to remind you all about a few important Safe Sport items.

You should ALL have implemented the new MAAPP 2.0, effective September 1, 2021. Please make sure that this is easy to find on your team website for members to read. The new MAAPP is much easier to read and even has a definition section, which I personally find very helpful. As always, any questions can always be sent to safesport@usaswimming.org.

Regarding the pop-up tents that every team should have received (if you are a Safe Sport recognized team, you should of gotten 2). Please let me know if you have not received these. These tents are approved for on deck and locker rooms to assist in having a semi-private/private changing area for our Athletes.

Also, I would like to address the locker room/bathroom issues that we ALL face because of our facilities. I was told from Safe Sport at USA Swimming that as long as there is signage that states that at least one stall is a private changing area, we are covered. Ideally, having porta potties for the general public is best, especially at meets.

If you are already a Safe Sport Recognized team, remember that those expire every 2 years, so stay on top of that. Updating any new forms and so on can be done anytime. There is a new system for renewing so make yourself familiar with that, so you aren't scrambling when the time comes. If you are not yet a Safe Sport recognized team, please continue to strive for that! I am always here to answer questions or find the answer for you if I don't know it.

I know we are all looking forward to a more normal season. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime with questions or concerns.

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