

Athlete Protection Training Requirement for Adult Athletes

Starting June 23, 2019, USA Swimming requires all **adult athletes (18 years and older) to complete the on-line USA Swimming Athlete Protection Training.**

As a membership requirement, adult athletes who are currently 18 and older must complete this training by June 23rd. Those who are 17, about to turn 18, must complete this training by their 18th birthday. Successful completion of the training, on an annual basis, is now a membership requirement of adult athletes, and failure to complete it will result in an athlete's inability to swim in a meet or at practice. This is the same membership requirement for all non-athlete members.

- Impacts all current athlete members who will be turning 18, or are already 18 or older
- Athlete Protection Training (APT) must be completed to be in good standing
- 30 days prior to turning 18, athlete member will receive an email notification to complete APT. On 18th birthday, athlete member will receive an email notification to complete APT. 30 days after turning 18, athlete member will receive email notification to complete APT. A grace period of 30 days after the athlete member turns 18 will be in place to complete the requirement. Athlete member's record will be flagged if not completed (the same as it currently does with non-athletes)
- Error messages will appear on Meet Recon Reports if athlete member has not completed APT (something like "Athlete has not completed APT"). **The Deck Pass member card will not be available if athlete has not completed APT.**
- If an athlete's Deck Pass and/or member record is flagged for not completing APT, they will NOT be able to compete. *(If an adult athlete member competes when their membership requirement was not satisfactorily fulfilled, swim time would not be valid. This will affect an adult athlete's ability to achieve qualifying times.)*
- An adult athlete will access the training at www.usaswimming.org/apt under USA SWIMMING MEMBERS. The **athlete member** will enter his or her name and date of birth to initiate the process and log into the LEARN platform. Once in the LEARN system the athlete will access the Athlete Protection Training.
- Adult athlete must take THREE Courses: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Mandatory Reporting and Emotional and Physical Misconduct. Upon completion of each course, the athlete will receive a completion certificate. After receiving the certificate, the athlete must complete the survey in order to fully complete the course. *(The course labeled "Free Safe Sport Training for Minor Athletes" does not satisfy the requirement. Adult athletes must complete the "Athlete Protection Training".)*

