

What is Safe Sport?

Safe Sport is USA Swimming abuse prevention effort.

USA Swimming is committed to fostering a fun, healthy, and safe environment for all its members.

The Safe Sport program has a wealth of resources, policies, best practices, tools, and procedures to help empower you to create and maintain a healthy and safe environment for your athletes.



Safe Sport communication & education

What we discovered is that most boundary issues, instances of misconduct and negative behaviors can be mitigated or prevented by open transparent communication and activity.



How are athletes protected ?

- All non-athlete members (coaches, officials, etc.) are subject to a criminal background check and a pre-employment screening, as well as complete USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Training.
- All member clubs are required to have athlete protection policies in place with regard to travel, electronic communication, and anti-bullying.
- Swim clubs have access to an arsenal of resources to assist the club leadership with implementing the best practices guidelines for athlete protection.



What are the rules that protect our athletes:

- Article 305
- Inappropriate touching between an athlete and non-athlete member
- Any rubdown or massage performed on an athlete by an adult member or participating non-member
- No deck changing
- Use of recording devices in locker rooms, changing area's and starting area
- Team policies on travel/travel rules, anti-bullying, and electronic communication.



What is the expectation for my involvement?

- Communicate with your child and coach.
- Observe practices and help out at meets and team events.
- Know your teams standards of conduct for all coaches, volunteers.
- Check out the training tools on the USA swimming website (on line: bullying prevention, athlete abuse prevention, parent training).
- Support the rules that protect all athletes & swimming (i.e. deck changing, photography)



What can I do?

- Check out the training tools on the USA swimming website (on line: bullying prevention, athlete abuse prevention, parent training).
- Support the rules that protect all athletes & swimming (i.e. deck changing, photography)
- See something, say something



Who do I contact if I have a concern?

- Head Coach: _____
- Assistant Coach: _____
- Board President: _____
- USA Swimming Safe Sport: safesport@usaswimming.org
(719) 866-4669



How will my child be protected?

Required Policies:

- Team Travel
- Electronic Communication
- Anti-Bullying Plan

Recommended Policies:

- Photography
- Locker Room Monitoring
- Best Practice Guidelines
- Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Athletes, and Parents

