



SAFE SPORT GUIDELINE FOR SWIM MEETS

Safe Sport Meet Standard

The Meet Director, Meet Referee, Meet Marshal, Head Coach, and RST Board shall work together to ensure compliance with the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and Athlete Protection Policies during swim meets. The Rocklin Swim Team (RST) hosted swim meets shall have:

- Head of Deck Operations as designee for the Meet Director
- Head of Facilities as designee for Meet Marshal

Meet Director: Safe Sport Protocol

The Meet Director and Meet Referee must together use common sense to apply and enforce all applicable rules and policies for the protection of all meet attendees. They will confer on all reports of misconduct received.

Prior to Meet	During Meet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID Emergency and Contact Information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rocklin Police Department 916-625-5400 2. Review RST Safety Action Plan • ID the meet chain of command (eg Head Coach-Meet Referee-Board President) • Confer with Meet Referee to discuss: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How meet code of conduct and athlete protection policy violations will be managed 2. Clear reporting structure that can be communicated to all works at the meet • Determine who will brief Officials, Marshal(s), and timers on Safe Sport policies using sample briefing sheet talking points (attached). • Check the USA Swimming "Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible" list for individuals from your area. Suspended or ineligible names on list may be spectators but cannot be on deck, coach, or work the meet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate briefing sheet information as planned. • Encourage Meet Announcer to remind attendees of Safe Sport policies (eg, no deck changing, no photography in locker rooms or behind blocks, etc) • Be visible and active on the pool deck to set an example of positive behavior. <p>SAMPLE ISSUES AND HOW TO RESPOND</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Someone in stands is suspicious: Go to the individual and politely ask them who their swimmer is and their team affiliation. If they are taking pictures, ask to see their pictures. Explain that your concern in athlete safety. <i>You have now put the person on notice that they are being watched. If the answers you get are not satisfactory, take the appropriate action, up to and including contacting authorities.</i> 2. Someone in locker room is suspicious: You and another adult and/or facility security should go immediately to the locker room and confront this individual. Make sure all athletes in the locker room are safe and then determine why the individual is in the locker room. If the individual attempts to leave, follow him/her until you have determined there is no further threat and that no further action is necessary. <i>Remember, you are not the police. Any hint that this person should not be in the locker room will likely warrant a call to the authorities.</i> 3. Peer to peer incident on deck or in locker room: Talk with all athletes involved to determine what has happened. It is important to involve parents/guardians and the coach in any discussions with athletes and remind them of RST Antibullying policies.



SAFE SPORT BRIEFING SHEET

Meet Marshal	Timer	Coach
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No camera/video behind blocks. 2. Expect good sportsmanship always. <i>Bullying or taunting is prohibited. Bullying is defined as any severe word, act or gesture directed at someone that a reasonable person believes has the effect of causing harm, the fear of harm or a hostile environment. Taunting is defined as expressing contempt or ridicule.</i> 3. No deck changing. 4. No rubdowns/massages except by licensed massage therapist or other certified professional who is not a coach. 5. Swimmers not allowed to sit on the lap of anyone that is not part of their family. 6. Only registered coaches, officials, swimmers, and meet volunteers are allowed on deck. <p>Handling misconduct: Violators of policies will politely be reminded to comply with applicable policy. Report misconduct to the Head Timer or the nearest Official, who will then notify the Meet Referee or Meet Director. Violators who cannot adhere to policies and are not authorized by the Meet Director will be asked to leave the pool deck.</p> <p><u>Remember, be vigilant in playing an active role in keeping the pool deck safe for all participants at the meet.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not text or use cell phones during the meet. 2. No camera/video behind blocks. 3. If you observe camera use behind the blocks, notify the Head Timer or the nearest Official, who will then notify the Meet Referee. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you for attending our meet. The Rocklin Swim Team wants a successful and safe event for all teams, coaches, and athletes. Here are some reminders to ensure everyone can have a great experience at this meet: 2. No cameras or recording devices are allowed behind the blocks. 3. Deck changing is prohibited always. Please support our Meet Marshals when they remind your swimmers about this rule. 4. Rubdowns or massages are not allowed except by a Licensed Massage Therapist or other certified professional, who is not a coach. A massage performed at the venue must be conducted in open/public locations. If you plan to have a Massage Therapist with you at the meet, please inform the Meet Director prior to the meet. 5. Athlete members are not allowed to sit on the laps of coaches and Non-Athlete members who are not family. 6. If you see something suspicious or something that makes you uncomfortable during the meet, please report this to the Meet Referee or Meet Director immediately.