

## **USA Swimming Safe Sport Reminders (September 9, 2021)**

As a member in the 2021-2022 season, here are a few important USA Swimming Safe Sport reminders:

### **1. Training and Education:**

Federal law (the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017) requires USA Swimming to offer and provide consistent training to all adult members who are in regular contact with minor athletes and, subject to parental consent, to members who are minors regarding prevention and reporting of child abuse.

USA Swimming requires all adult members of USA Swimming - both athletes and non-athletes - to complete athlete protection education on an annual basis. This includes:

- USA Swimming members;
- Employees or board members of USA Swimming, Zones, Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) or member clubs;
- Individuals within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Swimming, Zones, LSCs or member clubs; and
- Individuals who are authorized, approved or appointed by USA Swimming, Zones, LSCs or member clubs to have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes.

For more information on the training and education requirements, please review USA Swimming's Training and Education Policy found [here](#). Adult athlete and non-athlete members can access the required training through the LEARN platform at [www.usaswimming.org/apt](http://www.usaswimming.org/apt).

USA Swimming offers optional training every month for both parents and minor athletes via Zoom virtual trainings as well as through the USA Swimming LEARN platform. The monthly virtual Zoom training schedule can be located [here](#). Trainings for minor athletes can be access at [www.usaswimming.org/apt](http://www.usaswimming.org/apt) and trainings for parents can be accessed at <https://learn.usaswimming.org>.

### **2. Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy:**

The updated Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) was required to be implemented in full by USA Swimming, its Zones, LSCs and member clubs by September 1, 2021. MAAPP addresses the risk areas of one-on-one interactions, meetings and individual training sessions, electronic communications, in-program travel and lodging, locker rooms and changing areas, as well as massages, rubdowns, and athletic training modalities. The policy aims to strengthen accountability and supervision when it comes to interactions between adults and minors while participating in USA Swimming - all with the goal of preventing abuse.