



Safe Sport Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
8:00 – 9:00 PM ET

USA Swimming Mission: USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

Committee Mission: To support USA Swimming’s commitment to provide a healthy and safe environment free from abuse for all its members, especially athletes, through the planning, implementation, and coordination of USA Swimming’s Safe Sport program.

USA Swimming Priority Results:

1. USA Swimmers achieve sustained competitive success at the Olympic Games and other high-level international competitions.
2. Members have and use resources for sustainable success.
3. There is growth in swimming participation and interest.
4. USA Swimming is recognized as the “Best in Class” National Governing Body.

AGENDA

Call to order

Trish

Present: Trish Martin, Maja Palmroos, April Walkley, Leo Gibbons, Steve Frye, Anne Kaufman, Meaghan Donnelly

Not Present: Ryan Counihan, Mike Yeager, Riana Scott, Sarah Jacobs, Jack Gillespie

Staff: Liz Hahn

Guest: Scott Clement

Staff Reports

Liz

- **SSRP Stats**
Numbers continue to go up.
SSRP is not required yet. We’d like to see the updates to the SSRP program in place first.
There is always the opportunity for LSC’s to put in place some requirements connected to hosting meets and needing to be Safe Sport Recognized.
- **Virtual Athlete and Parent Trainings Stats**
Just shy of 4,000 trained this year all virtually.
We will pull numbers for how many athletes and parents have taken the training on their own through LEARN and share with the committee.
Virtual trainings will always be an option going forward. We are excited to see more in person training opportunities as well.
- **SSRP Portal Improvements**
We are still working on this. We should have more detailed updates at the next committee call.
- **Safe Sport at Events**
Safe Sport staff will be going to all national level meets in 2022.

Suggested to include the QR Code for MAAPP in the Heat Sheets and that leave all signs at the facilities is a great way to share Safe Sport.

Do not put posters where athletes are just walking by. Putting them on mirrors and soap dispensers are a much better idea, back of stalls too.

- Athlete to Coach Transition Materials

Get more info on this and will circulate to the committee.

- Fall LSC Chairs Workshop

Workshop will be help on November 13th, 2021.

The agenda was put together by the Zone Chairs and will cover:

Safe Sport 101

MAAPP

LEARN platform

SSRP

Meet 360

Breakout sessions

Scenarios

- April Zone Meeting

All of the April Zone meeting information is available online, including registration.

- New Membership Class Update

Webinars will be held on November 16th from 10:30am-11:30am MST and 12/15 from 11:00am-12:00pm MST. Communication will also be sent to membership.

Zone Director Updates

April

The group met to give suggestions for the LSC Safe Sport Chairs workshop agenda and will meet again soon.

Updates from Committee Working Groups

Working Group Chairs

The working group chairs would like some direction. Working group chairs will meet with Liz and set up a Zoom with their group to refocus.

- SSRP EXPANSION
- EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT
- ATHLETE EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT
- IMPACT AWARD

April

Steve

Riana

Ryan

New business

- Meet Marshal project with other committees

This came out of conversation from the Annual Business Meeting and the new membership category. The Operational Risk Committee has worked on the role of the Meet Marshal in the past. With Meet Marshal's now needing to be members of USA Swimming what does their role now look like. There will likely be some collaboration between the Officials, Operational Risk, Club Development and Safe Sport Committee for developing this updated role.

Creating consistency for the role of the Meet Marshal makes a lot of sense.

- Question posed: Does the group think that USA Swimming should take a stance on meets being able to be held at facilities that don't adhere to our Safe Sport standards?
 - Is there more to do on the conditions of Sanctions?
 - LSC decided not to attend meets if they were at a certain facility that was having issues.

- We will continue this conversation for future meetings.
- Suggestion posed: Athlete appearances. Connecting with athletes sooner in the appointment process would be very helpful.

2022 committee meeting schedule

- Jan 18th 8:00-9:00pm EST
- Mar 8th 8:00-9:00pm EST

Adjourn