



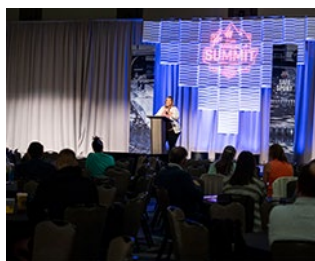
Thank You, Attendees

Thank you to everyone who attended the USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference on Thursday, September 25. With three separate presenters and almost 100 participants, it was a day when we prioritized Safe Sport and its goal of a sport without abuse.

Here are some highlights of the day:

- Approximately 100 individuals worked together to learn how to mitigate risks, hear the facts about abuse, and understand what they can do in their roles at USA Swimming to keep kids safe.
- Three separate sessions focused on online safety, reporting, and population resiliency. With presenters' permission, all recordings and presenter slides will be made available on the [USA Swimming website](#) when compiled.
- Presenters:
 - Mark Enomoto, a sergeant at the Colorado Springs Police Department, presented on the topic of online safety. His presentation highlighted the risks associated with being online and included resources we can use to mitigate those risks.
 - Nikki Patton works as a Forensic Interview Supervisor in the the Special Victims Section at the Colorado Springs Police Department. Her presentation focused on reporting, specifically addressing barriers that prevent kids from reporting, how adults can respond when a report is made, how to report, and what happens after a report is made.
 - Nicole Weis, MA, LPC, LAC, the Director of Healing and Community Programs at the Lyda Hill Institute for Human Resilience, presented on population resiliency and how to overcome stress and strengthen a supportive environment locally within our LSCs and teams.

Special thank you to our presenters (pictured below from left to right): Nicole Weis, Nikki Patton, and Mark Enomoto, for an educational and informative day.



October is Bullying Prevention Month

Are you looking to brush up on anti-bullying month content? Take advantage of the [FREE USA Swimming Anti-Bullying Training](#). This approximately hour-long webinar, conducted by USA Swimming's Safe Sport team, focuses on the topic of bullying. It includes defining what bullying is, how to recognize it, and how to intervene to prevent it.

Other helpful resources for Bullying Prevention Month:

- Review and implement the:

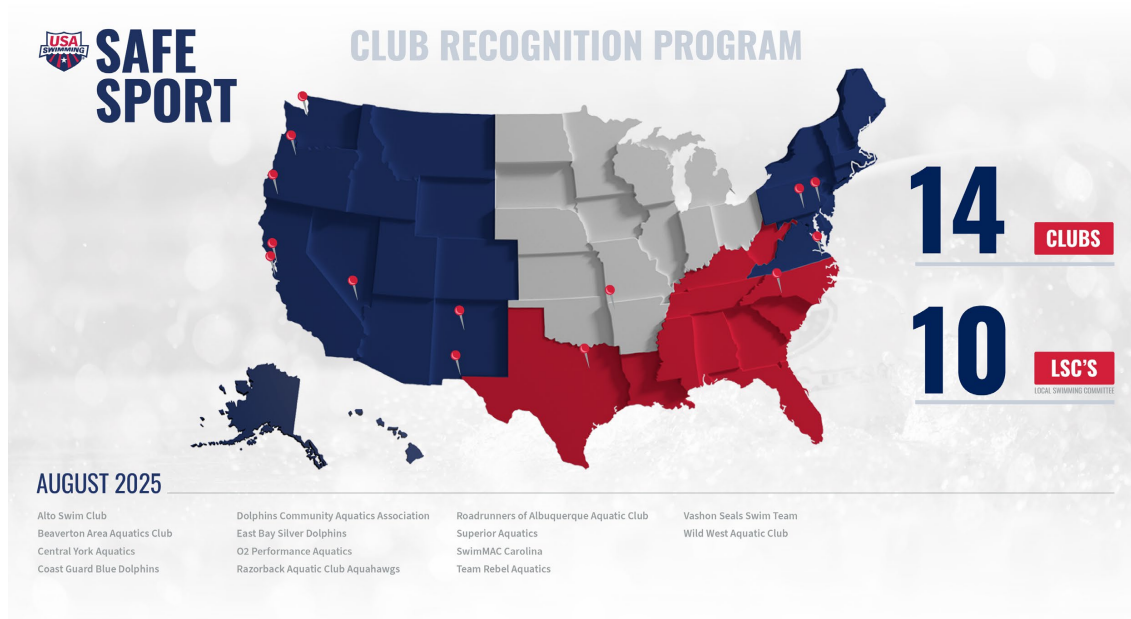
- [Model Policy: Action Plan to Address Bullying](#) (English and Spanish options available).
- [Model Code of Conduct](#) (Coach, Parent, and Athlete options available).
- [Reported Issues Guide: Peer on Peer](#).
- Talk through the [Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes As Leaders](#) cards to prevent sexual, physical, and emotional abuse locally.
- Request a special virtual or in-person presentation focusing on bullying behavior from the USA Swimming Safe Sport team member [here](#).
- Visit and utilize resources at www.stopbullying.gov.
- Learn from TrueSport's article titled "[7 Ways to Deal with Bullying Behavior](#)."

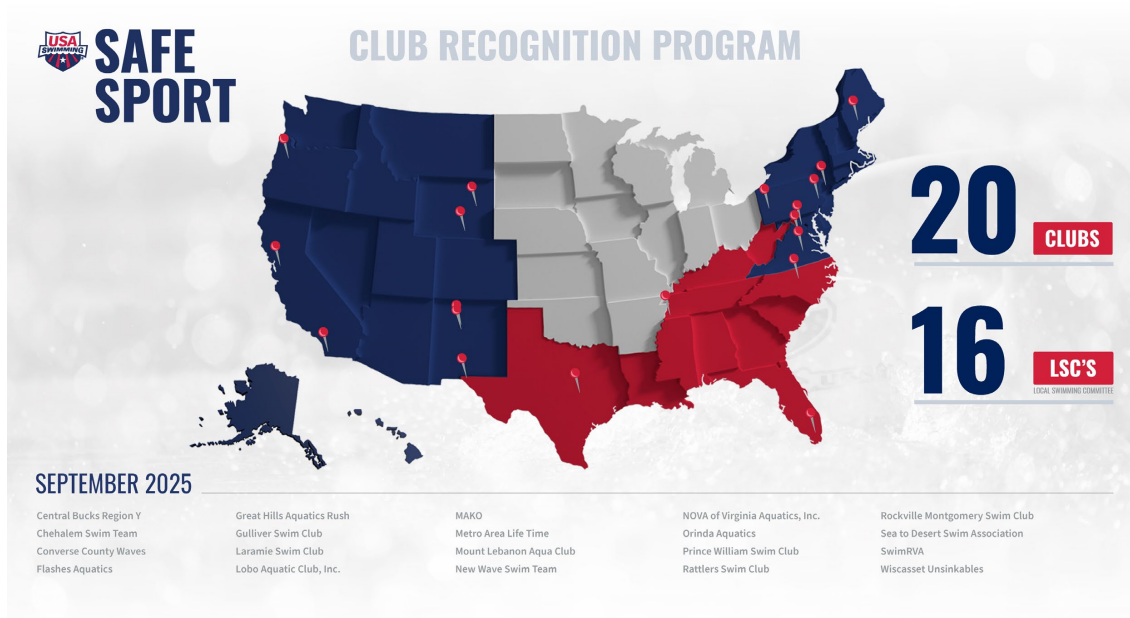
Did you, your club, or LSC do something special to help educate others about bullying and how to prevent it? Let the team know by emailing safesport@usaswimming.org for a chance to be featured.

SSRP Spotlight

Thank you to all our clubs approved for [Safe Sport Club Recognition](#) (SSRP) in August and September.

Throughout the two months, 34 clubs were either approved for the first time or renewed their approval status.





2024 Safe Sport Club Recognition Training

For Parents:

- October 21 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- November 4 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- December 9 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)

For Athletes:

- October 23 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- November 6 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)
- December 11 | 8 p.m. ET | [Register](#)

Members can also participate in trainings online at their own pace through the Education tab on their USA Swimming account. To learn more, including easy-to-follow steps, visit USA Swimming's Safe Sport training page [here](#).

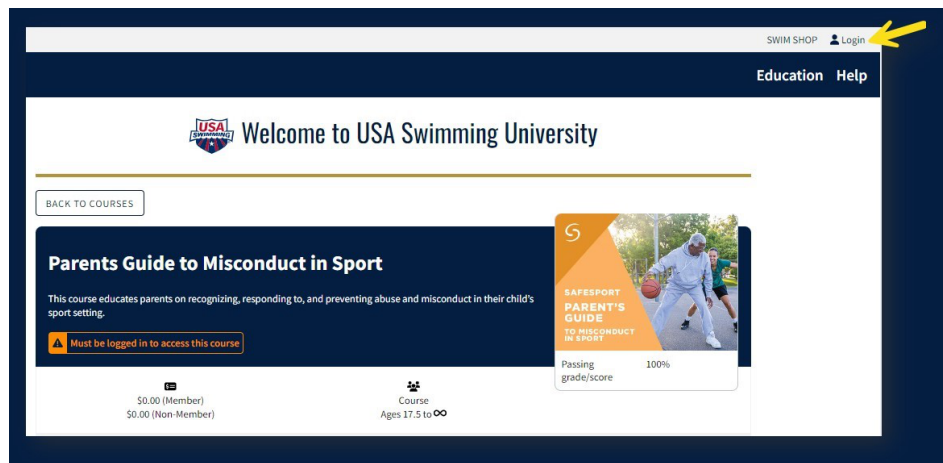


Unable to Attend Live Educational Opportunities?

If the timing doesn't work, that's okay! [Log in](#) to USA Swimming University to start and complete courses at your own pace.

Tip: These courses count towards SSRP approval points. If you click these links, remember to log in to earn credit for SSRP approval points.

- For parents: [Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport](#)
- For athletes: [SafeSport for Youth Athletes \(5-12\)](#), [SafeSport for Youth Athletes \(13-17\)](#)



Specialized Safe Sport Content on the USA Swimming Network

Have you downloaded the USA Swimming Network? The free application is available for anyone to download and has two new Safe Sport videos. To view, click the USA Swimming University content block and scroll to the Safe Sport playlist.

[Download the USA Swimming Network](#) on your mobile device, tablet, desktop, or connected TV now.



A Day in the Life

Watch Liz Hahn and Nikki Patton, USA Swimming's National Safe Sport Committee Outside Expert, as they take viewers on an educational journey at a local child advocacy center.



Life Time Fitness Spotlight

Hear from Pat Kerrigan, Aquatics Program Coordinator at Life Time Fitness, as she discusses her journey of helping all 28 of the Life Time Fitness' swim teams become Safe Sport Recognized.



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