



Hello from USA Swimming's Safe Sport Director, Liz Hahn

Click the video to hear from Liz Hahn on the importance of Child Abuse Prevention Month and what the team has planned for the rest of the year.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Recognized annually in April, Child Abuse Prevention Month focuses on raising awareness around the prevention of child abuse and neglect. At USA Swimming, we aim to educate year-round to promote a safe and positive environment, free from abuse, for everyone.

How are you preparing to educate members in your LSC? Let the USA Swimming Safe Sport team help.

- Review and understand [how, why, and where to report](#) any concerns you might hear or see.
- Confirm everyone on your club is aware of and understands the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy](#) (MAAPP).
- Start (or complete) your club's [Safe Sport Club Recognition](#) process.
- Set up a free educational opportunity for coaches, parents, or athletes.
 - Tip: Training opportunities can be used towards [Safe Sport Club Recognition](#) approval points if approved by USA Swimming's Safe Sport team ahead of time.
- Take advantage of other free resources by experts in the field:

- Article: [Talking with children about safety from sexual abuse](#) by Darkness to Light
- Website: [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)
- Have open and honest conversations with members of your team about boundaries, why they are important, and how they can be respected.
 - Tip: The [Athletes as Leaders](#) (female specific) and [Coaching Boys Into Men](#) (male specific) cards are a great free resource to walk teams through targeted conversations around team culture, responsibility, and safety.
- Print and fill out the [2023 Splash Magazine Safe Sport page](#).

Additional questions? Reach out to the USA Swimming Safe Sport team at safesport@usaswimming.org.

USA Swimming Safe Sport Question of the Month

Interested in testing your knowledge each month?

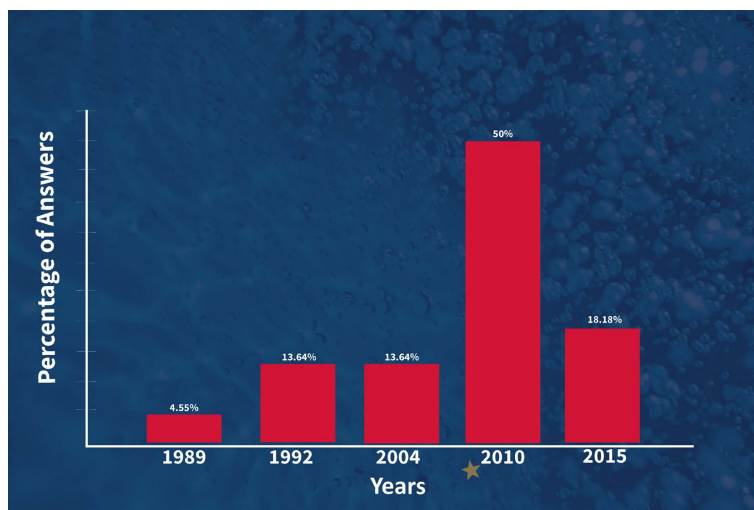
Participate in USA Swimming Safe Sport's trivia question of the month by clicking the button! It is only one question, and we will share the results next month.

April question: **What kinds of boundaries do all individuals have?**

ANSWER HERE

March 2025 Trivia Results

Did you answer correctly? If you picked 2010, you were right!



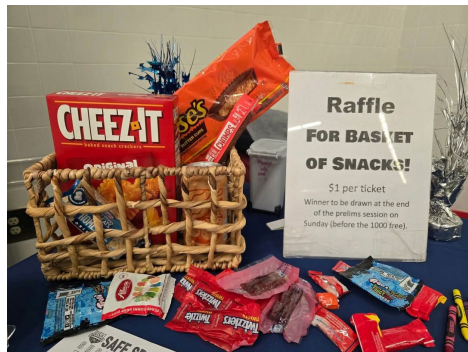
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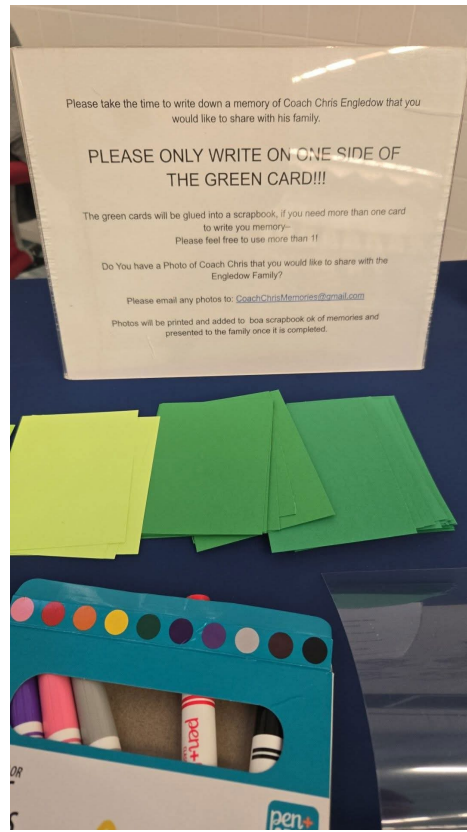
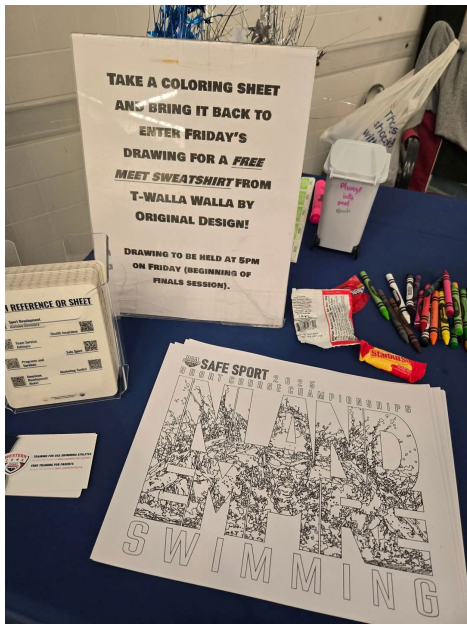
Special shout out to the Western Zone Safe Sport LSC Chairs for putting together some great tables at Inland Empire's short course championships.

The chairs used numerous activities for members to engage with Safe Sport at the local level, which included a coloring sheet to win free swag, a snacks raffle, and cards to write a memory of the late swim coach, Chris

Engledow.

"I love to offer tables on safe sport to spread information to both parents and athletes," said April Walkley, current Western Zone Safe Sport Chair and Safe Sport National Committee member, "They engage the athlete on a closed deck, allow the parents a safe place to ask questions and open up to learning when their athlete is not nearby. Parents get excited to know more and how they can help. We can talk about the USA Swimming website, educational opportunities, and dialogue. The kids love to do worksheets, color, earn stickers or treats, compete in contests, and just have fun! Champ meets are a great opportunity to reach a lot of people in one spot."






SSRP Spotlight

Thank you to all our clubs approved for [Safe Sport Club Recognition](#) (SSRP) in February!

Throughout the month, 25 clubs were either approved for the first time or renewed their approval status.



SAFE SPORT

CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM

25

CLUBS

18

LSC'S
LOCAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 2025

- Alameda Gators
- Bartlesville Splash Club
- Caldwell Swim Club
- Cedar Swim Club
- Cheshire Y Sea Dog Swim Club
- Coeur D'alene Area Swim Team

- Connecticut River Valley Stingrays
- DCS
- Fox Swim Club
- Great Lakes Tritons
- Greater Kalamazoo Crocs
- Hatboro Horsham Aquatic Association

- Havasu Stingrays Swim Team
- Heartland Swim Association
- Longmont Swim Club
- Neptune Swimming
- Pacifica Platypus Swim Club
- Piedmont Swim Team

- Pleasanton Seahawks
- Scion Aquatic Swim Club
- SOCAL Aquatics Association
- The Aquakids, Inc.
- Woodstock Dolphins Swim Team
- YMCA of the North Shore



2024 Safe Sport Club Recognition Training

For Parents:

- May 7, 8 p.m. ET | [REGISTER](#)
- June 11, 8 p.m. ET | [REGISTER](#)

For Athletes:

- May 8, 8 p.m. ET | [REGISTER](#)
- June 12, 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 \(13-17\)](#)

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
Education Help


 Welcome to USA Swimming University

[BACK TO COURSES](#)


Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport


This course educates parents on recognizing, responding to, and preventing abuse and misconduct in their child's sport setting.

 Must be logged in to access this course


SAFESPORT
PARENT'S
GUIDE
TO MISCONDUCT
IN SPORT

Passing grade/score 100%

 \$0.00 (Member)
\$0.00 (Non-Member)

 Course
Ages 17.5 to ∞



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