



Kickstart Your Season with SSRP Approval

Looking to establish your club as Safe Sport Recognized this season? You can take advantage of numerous resources to help you achieve approval status and showcase your club's commitment to athlete safety to your members.

Check out these resources:

- Step-by-step directions ([PDF](#) | [Video](#))
- [Checklist to achieve in three months](#)
- [Checklist to achieve in six months](#)
- [Coach-Owned Club](#) | [Institutionally-Owned Club](#) | [Parent Board-Owned Club](#)
- [Pulling SWIMS reports](#) for online education completion for parents and athletes

Questions? Email ssrp@usaswimming.org.

Berkeley Aquatic Club Spotlight

[Berkeley Aquatic Club](#) (BAC) in New Jersey Swimming provided a great incentive for returning families who have completed parent training.

For families who have completed one of the free monthly SSRP Zoom trainings or the Parents' Guide to Misconduct in Sport training on their own, the club is offering a financial discount for the 2025-26 registration year.

"We as a staff have committed to and prioritized creating and maintaining a safe and inclusive environment," said BAC CEO Tristan Formon. "We are now asking families to join us!"

"Program fees went up as they typically do, but we created an opportunity for families to essentially pay the 2024-25 program fee rates for the 2025-26 season," he continued. "They will receive a program fee credit toward meet entry fees, etc."

Here is a copy of what BAC used to communicate to their members:

"Safe Sport Recognized Family Discount ** (NEW for 2025-26) : Berkeley Aquatic Club remains committed to creating and maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for its members to experience the sport of swimming. USA Swimming offers ongoing Parent Safe Sport Training. Families will receive an email reminder in January of 2026 to forward a copy of their current / valid safe sport training certificate of completion (note the certificate is valid for 18 months following completion). In recognition for those families who take Parent Safe Sport Training **AND** whose accounts are in good standing on January 20th 2026 will receive a \$100 account credit for each of their current BAC team athletes. This non-refundable credit may be used toward meet entry fees etc. in 2026. Dates for online USA Swimming Parent training offerings and self-guided course details will be shared this fall."

The new discount falls along with the club's mission statement: "The mission of the Berkeley Aquatic Club is to develop student-athletes who are a credit to society. The Berkeley experience tends to shape and strengthen character throughout one's lifetime. Although Berkeley Aquatic Club strives to develop champion swimmers, the club measures success not only by national championships and college scholarships, but also by personal improvement, both in and out of the pool. Berkeley Aquatic Club is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and inclusive space for all athletes to experience the sport of swimming."

To learn more on how the club implemented this, or to ask for their example email, please reach out to BAC CEO, Tristan Formon, at berkeleyaquatic@gmail.com.

Great job, BAC!

Rockville-Montgomery Swim Club Spotlight

Jonathan Lei (17 years old) from Rockville-Montgomery Swim Club (RMSC) in Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) is putting in the work to help his team become Safe Sport Recognized. As the PVS Safe Sport Committee Athlete Representative and RMSC swimmer, he has been working with club administrators and coaches to make athlete safety a top priority on the team.

"I have hosted in-person and online Safe Sport training sessions, where a total of 944 parents and 861 athletes have completed the courses," Jonathan said. "We had such great turnouts at these sessions. Thanks to the RMSC Safe Sport Coordinators and coaches for relentlessly promoting the events to our members."

Due to Jonathan and RMSC's efforts, the team officially became Safe Sport Recognized earlier this month.

To learn more about how Jonathan helped his team earn Safe Sport Recognition, please email ssrp@usaswimming.org to get in touch with him.

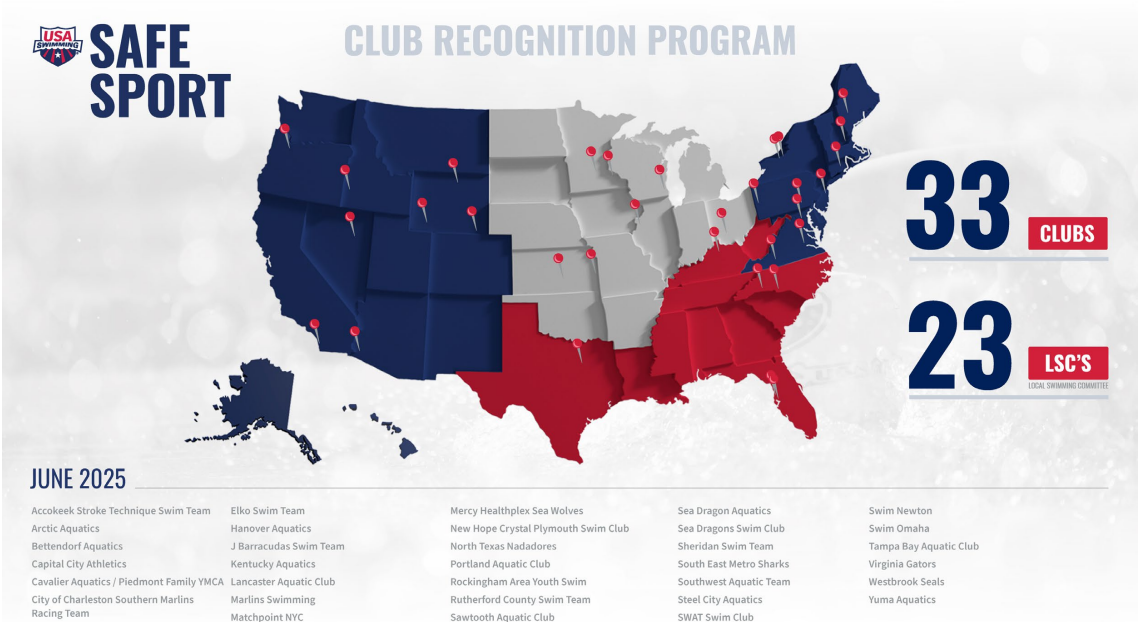
Congratulations, Jonathan and RMSC!

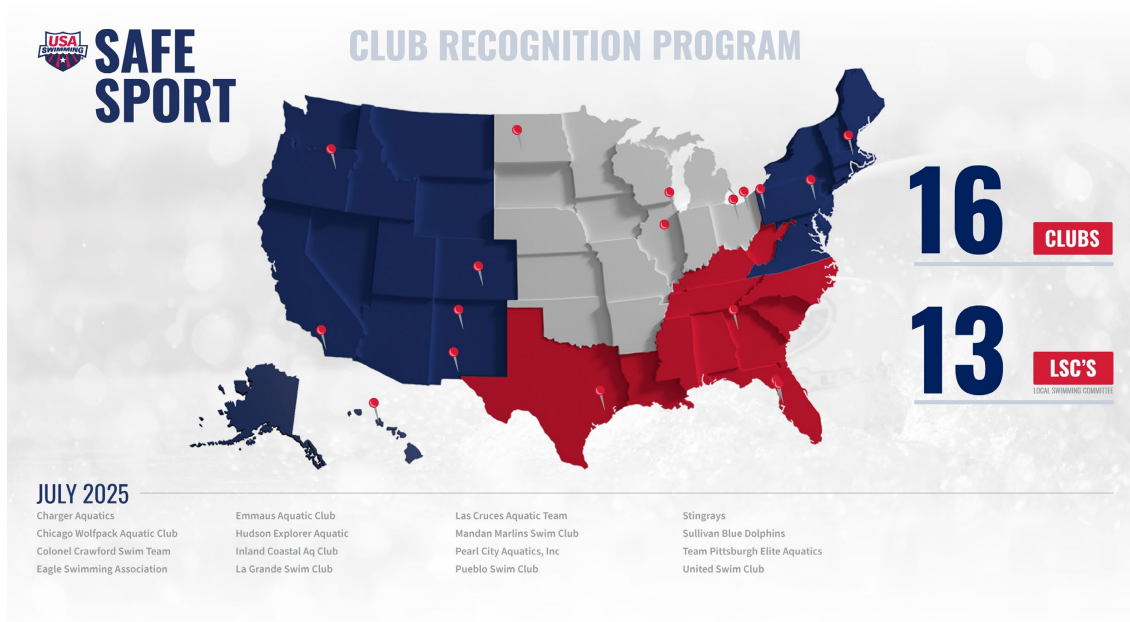


SSRP Spotlight

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

Throughout the two months, 49 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](#).

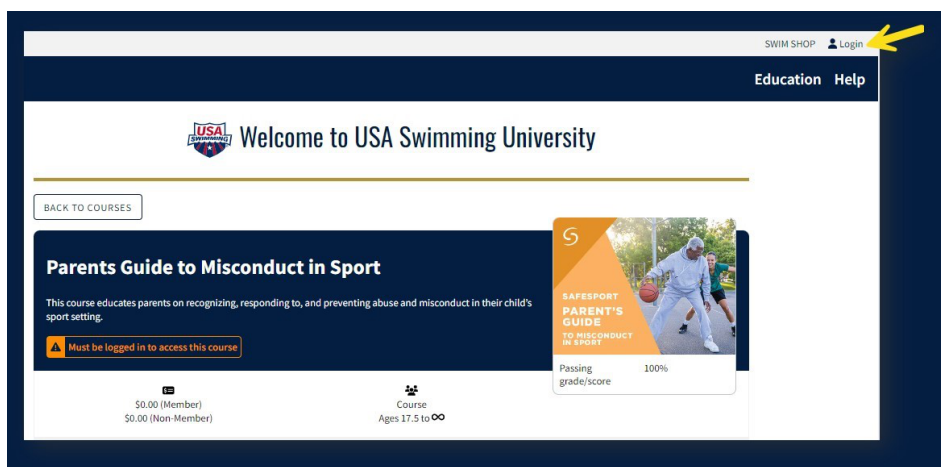


Unable to Attend Live Educational Opportunities?

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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