

Given the the upcoming **June 23 Safe Sport deadline** requirement, the CT Swimming Safe Sport Coordinator elect, Greg Pinchbeck, has started his role. Please direct all Safe Sport questions to him at gjpinchbeck@hotmail.com Please note the following required Safe Sport actions regarding (1) Policy Approval by June 23, (2) 18/O Athlete Protection Training, (3) Competition: Officials, Timers, and Coaches Briefings, (4) Meet Hosts and Meet Announcements

USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs are required to implement this Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy in full. The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy must be reviewed and agreed to in writing by all athletes, parents, coaches and other non-athlete members of member clubs on an annual basis with such written agreement to be retained by the club.

(1) Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy (MAAPP) Acknowledgement:

Acknowledgement of the MAAPP is required by June 23rd for all:

- All USA Swimming non-athlete members and athlete members. A parent/guardian may acknowledge for the family.
- Participating non-members (e.g. meet marshals, meet computer operators, timers, etc.)
- LSC and club adult staff and board members
- Any other adult authorized to have regular contact with or authority over a minor athlete.

The policy can be acknowledged three ways:

- 1- Through the CT Swimming FAST My Accounts for Coaches, Officials, Parents, and Swimmers. (<https://fast.ctswim.org/CTNet/CFPaintForm.aspx?f=220>) Clubs may view/export a list of their member acknowledgements from their FAST Administration page.
- 2- Using the USA Swimming Safe Sport approval template <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policy>
- 3- Through existing team approval processes and documents, where they exist.

(2) Athlete Protection Training for all Adult (18 years and older) Athletes

All athletes 18 years and older must complete Athlete Protection Training (ATP) by June 23, 2019 in order to compete and train with USA Swimming member clubs.

-This training is completed through USA Swimming LEARN. Please follow these instructions:

<https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/safe-sportdocuments/maapp/adult-athlete-training-faq.pdf>

(3) Competition

Officials, Coaches, Timers and Other Volunteers for Sanctioned and Approved competitions:

Prior to all meet sessions, Officials, Coaches, Timers and Other Volunteers must be briefed on the following either verbally or through a handout.

Officials and timers briefing:

- This meet is conducted according to current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.
- Make sure all interactions with athletes are observable and interruptible.
- Deck changing is prohibited. Report instances of deck changing to the meet referee/meet director.
- [IF ONLY ONE LOCKER ROOM/RESTROOM] Make sure you are not alone with an athlete in the locker room, including to use the restroom. Be proactive and tell the meet director immediately if this happens, even when it occurred through no fault of your own. Separate times have been delegated for your use.

- [IF MULTIPLE FACILITIES] There is a separate locker room/restroom for athletes and all other adults. Make sure that you are only using the facility marked for you.

Coaches briefing:

- This meet is conducted according to current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.
- Make sure all interactions with athletes are observable and interruptible, including any meetings you have in between races or sessions.
- Deck changing is prohibited. Make sure you tell all your athletes this. If they are seen deck changing you can expect that someone will come and remind them or you as their coach of this expectation.
- Remind your athletes of appropriate behavior in the locker room. Be sure to include that the use of any devices that record or take photos are prohibited in the locker room and changing areas.
- [IF ONLY ONE LOCKER ROOM/RESTROOM] Make sure you are not alone with an athlete in the locker room, including to use the restroom. Be proactive and tell the meet director immediately if this happens, even when no fault of your own. Separate times have been delegated for your use.
- [IF MULTIPLE FACILITIES] There is a separate locker room/restroom for athletes and all other adults. Make sure that you are only using the facility marked for you.
- As a reminder, coaches are not allowed to massage any athlete, even if you are a licensed massage therapist. This includes all massages, rubdowns, stretching, physical manipulation, injury rehabilitation, and the use of electronic or instrument assisted modalities such as stim treatment, dry needling, and cupping

(4) Meet Hosts and Meet Announcements

Meet Hosts

- Meet Management should pay careful attention to MAAPP locker room/restroom policy and plan accordingly
- MAAPP hard copies should be made available
- FAST membership verification will be enhanced to include a check for 18/O athlete completion of ATP. Plan accordingly if you accept deck entries.

Meet Announcements

CT Swimming is changing the master meet announcement to include the following Safe Sport language for all of you to use: "Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), will govern this meet."

CT Swimming Office staff will update meet announcements for meets held after June 23.

You will find the policy, the above information and other related resources

at: <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policy>