



The USA Swimming Safe Sport Club Recognition program allows a USA Swimming member club to demonstrate its commitment to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members through the development and implementation of club governance measures, Safe Sport policies and reporting mechanisms, Safe Sport best practices and training to athletes and parents.

Denying a Safe Sport Club Recognition Application

In the event a coach, registered official, club board member or club owner is under investigation for or is the subject of an open case with the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Swimming for the issues listed below, USA Swimming may, at its sole discretion deny recognizing the club as a Safe Sport Recognized Program or hold the club's application for Safe Sport Recognized Program designation pending the resolution of the matter.

Potential violations for which a club may be denied Safe Sport Recognized Program designation include, but are not limited to:

- Violations of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and/or the USA Swimming Code of Conduct;
- Violations of the Child Abuse Reporting Requirements;
- Multiple reported violations of club or USA Swimming policies, including, but not limited to, MAAPP, the Action Plan to Address Bullying and/or the Photography Policy; and/or
- Falsely representing or promoting the club as a Safe Sport Recognized Program prior to achieving such status.

A member club will be ineligible for recognition during any year in which a coach member registered with the club has served or is serving a period of (i) probation; (ii) temporary suspension; (iii) suspension; or (iv) ineligibility for an adjudicated or alleged violation of the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement or USA Swimming's Code of Conduct. Such club will remain ineligible for recognition until the first membership year after any such period of probation, temporary suspension, suspension or ineligibility is completed.

USA Swimming will communicate to the club in writing of a decision to deny a Safe Sport Recognized Program application or a decision to hold the club's application for Safe Sport Recognized Program designation pending resolution of the matter. The communication will include recommended steps the club should complete prior to renewing an application for Safe Sport Recognized Program designation.

Revoking Safe Sport Club Recognition Designation

In order to maintain the integrity of the Safe Sport Club Recognition designation, USA Swimming may, in its sole discretion, remove such designation from a member club for an adjudicated violation by the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Swimming of a coach, official, athlete, club board member or club owner for violations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Violations of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and/or the USA Swimming Code of Conduct;
- Violations of the Child Abuse Reporting Requirements; and/or
- Multiple reported violations of club or USA Swimming policies, including, but not limited to, MAAPP, the Action Plan to Address Bullying and/or the Photography Policy.

Any decision to remove such designation from a member club must be approved by the USA Swimming President and CEO, or his/her designee. Upon receiving approval from the USA Swimming President and CEO, or his/her designee, the involved club will be notified in writing that the Safe Sport Recognized Program designation has been revoked and directing the team to remove any public references to such designation. A club whose Safe Sport Recognized Program designation has been revoked may not reapply to Safe Sport Recognized Program designation for a period of one year.