



Safe Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 PM ET

USA Swimming Mission: USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates, and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

Committee Mission: To support USA Swimming's commitment to provide a healthy and safe environment free from abuse for all its members, especially athletes, through the planning, implementation, and coordination of USA Swimming's Safe Sport program.

USA Swimming Priority Results:

1. USA Swimming swimmers achieve sustained competitive success at the Olympic Games and other high-level international competitions.
2. Members have and use resources for sustainable success.
3. There is growth in swimming participation and interest.
4. USA Swimming is recognized as the "Best in Class" National Governing Body.

Confirmation of requirements for committee participation:

1. Current USA Swimming membership (APT, BGC, CPT, safety certifications as required by membership type)
2. USA Swimming Conflict of Interest Statement
<https://fs22.formsite.com/usaswimming/25czyvtwbf/index.html>

Roll Call

Present: Anne Kaufman, Elizabeth Antenucci, Maja Palmroos, Sondra Hunt, Thomas Cho, April Walkley, Leo Gibbons, Paul Stauder, Sarah Bollman, and Cha'Vera Jackson (Staff)

Not Present: Will Gallagher, Madison Kennedy, Steve Frye, and Elizabeth Hahn (Staff)

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting.

Motion made and seconded. Minutes from April 11, 2023, approved and will be posted to the USA Swimming Website.

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Subcommittee Updates

- **Grassroots Engagement:** Will Gallagher, Elizabeth Antenucci, and Madison Kennedy
 - Discussed using social media to engage athletes.
 - Safe Sport take over with a Q&A, Safe Sport facts, and what their knowledge is of Safe Sport.
 - Will also include key information and provide resources.
 - Will also save the story to the highlights on Instagram for further reference.
- **Education:** Leo Gibbons, Thomas Cho, and Sarah Bollman
 - Discussion on offering webinars for Officials, Meet Referee's, and Meet Marshals during the month of September 2023.
 - Discussion on offering webinars on the topic of Bullying. This will occur during the month of October, for Bullying Prevention Month. This would be geared towards athletes.
 - Would like for these webinars to also count for SSRP education credit as well as continuing education credit.
- **SSRP:** Sondra Hunt, Maja Palmroos, and Steve Frye
 - The new education platform in swims is live and updated.
 - Discussion about including SafeSport for Athletes Training 5–12-year-olds.
- **Zone Chairs:** April Walkley, Paul Stauder, and Anne Kaufman
 - Focused on October workshop. Would also like to invite The U. S. Center for SafeSport.
 - Working on NCAA liability and making more of Safe Sport advocacy and presence in that space.
 - Welcoming new Zone Chairs (Southern and Eastern)

Group Feedback

- **Feedback on Safe Sport workshop/conference**
- **Would like for The U. S. Center for SafeSport to attend the next workshop/conference.**
- **Meet 360 one pager.**
- **Would like more information for Officials as it relates to Safe Sport.**
- **Planning for Olympic Trials. Indiana LSC is looking to recruit people to help with Safe Sport during the trials. Would like to have a Safe Sport contact at each of the schools hosting teams. Guidance on what chaperones need to be doing and an idea of how many people would be needed.**

New Business

-No New Business

Motion to Adjourn

-Next Committee Meeting: July 18, 2023, 8:00-9:00 PM EST