

**Safe Sport Chair
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Athlete Protection Training – CHANGE

Effective September 1st – 2022, there will no longer be a 30 day administrative grace period for youth turning 18.

A 17 year old athlete needs to have their APT requirement by their 18th birthday in order to be in good standing with USA swimming. This includes eligibility to compete in USA Swimming sanctioned meets, club practices and all other related activities. Athletes will continue to receive an email notification reminder of the APT requirement 30 days prior to their 18th birthday.

All USA Swimming members aged 18 years and older are required to complete the APT annually. This is the individual's responsibility and includes both athlete and non-athlete members.

Anonymous Text Message Reporting

USA Swimming members can now report anonymously, if they wish, concerns through text messaging at 888-270-SWIM (7946). The platform used is RealResponse, which is an award-winning platform used for monitoring and anonymous reporting.

Safe Sport Club Recognition

There continues to be a push for teams and clubs to become safe sport recognized. In order to get started you can access the club portal on USA Swimming

<https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport/safe-sport-recognition-program>

You will be asked to share:

Your team's athlete protection policies

Your club will earn points by parents and athletes completing trainings.

Safe Sport zoom trainings for parents, athletes and coaches continue to be provided

For more information see the USA Swimming LEARN platform

Anyone can contact me for more information or if they have any questions on anything safe sport related!