



## Safe Sport Briefing Sheet: OFFICIALS

Thank you for attending our meet. (HOST CLUB NAME or We) want(s) a successful and safe event for all teams, coaches, athletes, and volunteers. If you have any questions about the meet, please contact us at any time.

Several reminders to ensure everyone can have a great experience at this meet:

- The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.
- The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy prohibits you from having a one-on-one interaction with a minor athlete that is not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult.
- No cameras or other recording devices are allowed behind the blocks. If you witness someone recording, ask the individual to stop and report the violation to the Meet Referee.
- Deck changing is prohibited at all times. Report the violation to the Meet Referee providing information about who the athlete was and/or what club they are affiliated with. -
- Consistent with MAAPP there will be locker room monitoring and supervision during the course of this meet.
- Rubdowns, massages and athletic training modalities are not allowed except by a licensed massage therapist or other certified professional. Coaches cannot perform massages, rubdowns or athletic training modalities – this includes stretching.
  - If you observe a coach performing a massage, rubdown or athletic training modality on an athlete, report this behavior immediately to the Meet Referee
- Swimmers are not allowed to sit on the lap of any non-family member coach or official. If you see this happening, you should:
  - Remind the adult that this is a Code of Conduct violation and ask them to stop.
  - Inform the Meet Referee of the behavior.
- Permanently suspended or ineligible individuals cannot be present on deck, coach, or perform any function at a meet requiring USA Swimming Membership.



- Individuals permanently suspended or ineligible can be spectators at a meet and may be in the stands. Violators shall be reported to the Meet Referee.
- If you see violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, or observe suspected child abuse, you must report this to the appropriate jurisdictions including law enforcement, U.S. Center for SafeSport and USA Swimming. Violations of MAAPP should be reported to the Meet Referee or Meet Director.