



## **Athlete Protection Training Requirement for Adult Athletes**

Starting June 23, 2019, adult athletes will be required to complete the USA Swimming Athlete Protection Training. This resource is intended to provide information regarding this membership requirement.

USA Swimming requires all adult members to complete Athlete Protection training. Previously, this requirement did not extend to adult athlete members. This training and education requirement is not a part of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)

As a membership requirement, adult athletes who are currently 18 and older must complete this training by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those who are 17, about to turn 18, must complete this training by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Successful completion the training, on an annual basis, is now a membership requirement of adult athletes, and failure to complete it will result in an athlete's inability to swim in a meet or at practice. This is the same membership requirement for all non-athlete members.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** What is an adult athlete?

**A:** An adult athlete is an athlete member age 18 years and older.

**Q:** Can an athlete take the training before they turn 18?

**A:** Yes. Subject to parental consent, an athlete can access and complete the training prior to turning 18.

**Q:** How can I access the training?

**A:** An adult athlete will access the same training that non-athlete members must take at [www.usaswimming.org/apt](http://www.usaswimming.org/apt). The athlete member will enter his or her name and date of birth to initiate the process and log into the LEARN platform. Once in the LEARN system the athlete will access the Athlete Protection Training.

**Q:** Which courses are required to complete Athlete Protection Training?

**A:** Adult athlete must take THREE Courses: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Mandatory Reporting and Emotional and Physical Misconduct. Upon completion of each course, the athlete will receive a completion certificate. After receiving the certificate, the athlete must complete the survey in order to fully complete the course.

**Q:** Will the free athlete training count towards the requirement?

**A:** No. The course labeled "Free Safe Sport Training for Minor Athletes" does not satisfy the requirement. Adult athletes must complete the "Athlete Protection Training".

**Q:** Can athletes take the training in a large group with one login to the training?

**A:** No. Each adult athlete must login to LEARN with their own name and date of birth, otherwise there will not be a way to track that they have completed the training. **Suggestion:** Take a training practice time and have all the athletes that must complete the training in one place, with their own electronic device. Have them log in on their own but complete the training in a group setting. This way the club can account for them taking it.



**Q:** How will an adult athlete be able to show that they completed the training?

**A:** Once the adult athlete completes the training, the athlete's member record in SWIMS will populate an updated training expiration date. The athlete's Deck Pass account will also reflect whether the adult athlete has completed the training.

**Q:** How will a meet official know whether an adult athlete has completed the training?

**A:** The meet recon report will reflect whether an adult athlete has completed the training.

**Q:** Is there a grace period in order to complete the training?

**A:** Yes. There is a 30-day grace period given to the adult athletes to complete this initial training requirement.

**Q:** Do masters swimmers have to complete the training?

**A:** This APT training requirement is a USA Swimming adult athlete membership requirement. If a U.S. Master's Swimming member is also a USA Swimming athlete member, they are required to complete the training as a requirement of continued athlete membership in USA Swimming.

**Q:** What happens if an adult athlete competes in a meet without completing the training?

**A:** If an adult athlete member competes when their membership requirement was not satisfactorily fulfilled, swim time would not be valid. This will affect an adult athlete's ability to achieve qualifying times.