

Safe Sport Track Report – USA Swimming Summit 2025

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I. Presentation Highlight – Colorado ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force)

- Colorado ICAC, part of a DOJ-funded national task force (with Georgia ICAC being GBI), presented critical updates related to online child safety.
- Key discussion points included:
 - The role of **NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)** and its **CyberTipline**:
 - Website: cybertipline.org
 - Phone: 1-800-THE-LOST
 - CyberTipline receives reports from various platforms including:
 - **Amazon AI, Microsoft, OpenAI, Discord, Kik, Cloudflare, Roblox, Pinterest, Adobe, Spotify, XBox, Sony, PayPal**
 - In contrast, **Apple** reported only 250 cases in 2024.
 - **AI-generated CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material)** is an emerging threat:
 - "Nudifier" apps can manipulate any image to create explicit content.
 - Many states, including Georgia, are updating laws to include **AI-generated imagery**.
 - **Georgia HB 993 (2024)** now allows prosecution for **possession, sale, or distribution of AI-generated sexually explicit images of minors**.

II. Education for LSCs and Clubs

Mandated Reporting (Georgia-Specific):

- All professionals, volunteers, coaches, teachers working with minors are mandated reporters under **OCGA 19-7-5(c)(1)**.
- **Reports must be made within 24 hours** to:
 - Law enforcement (911)
 - DFCS: 1-855-GA-CHILD
- Strong recommendation to **double report** (law enforcement + DFCS).
- Reporting tools:
 - CyberTipline: www.cybertipline.org
 - Image removal: takeitdown.ncmec.org

Support Services:

- FindHelpGA.org
- Phone: 1-800-5373

III. Digital Safety and Parenting Resources

- Promote use of **Parental Monitoring Apps**:
 - Norton Family
 - Qustodio
 - MM Guardian
 - Google Family Link
 - Bark
- Parents, athletes, coaches, and officials should be made aware of these tools as preventative resources.

IV. Prevention Over Prosecution – Policy Recommendations

- Clubs and LSCs **must not base decisions solely on convictions**, as criminal cases often lack physical evidence or witnesses.
- Instead, establish **strong internal policies** that:
 - Prevent **unobservable or uninterrupted contact** between adults and minors.
 - Allow consequences based on **policy violations**, not just legal thresholds.
- These proactive policies create **inhospitable environments** for abuse.

V. Mental Health & Resilience

Presented by: The Institute for Human Resilience

- Covered **trauma, stress responses**, and the **hierarchy of human needs**.
- Emphasized:
 - Meeting individuals where they are emotionally/mentally.
 - Recognizing **vicarious trauma** (e.g., officials or parents affected by abuse awareness).
 - Encouraging support-seeking behavior for all members of the swim community.
- Suggested resources:
 - **"Leaders Eat Last" by Simon Sinek**
 - **Brené Brown's work** on empathy vs. sympathy

VI. Safe Sport Program Updates

Safe Sport Chair Responsibilities:

- Focus on **education and guidance**.
- **Not** involved in investigations.
- Clarified differences between:

- **USA Swimming Safe Sport** (est. 2010, jurisdiction over USA Swimming members)
- **U.S. Center for SafeSport** (est. 2017 by federal act, jurisdiction over Olympic/Paralympic sports)

MAAP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies):

- Locker rooms must be **monitored randomly and regularly**.
- **Adult-minor interactions must be observable and interruptible**.
- Exceptions: emergencies, close-in-age (e.g., GA's Romeo & Juliet Law), dual relationships.

Mandatory Reporting:

- **Sexual misconduct or physical abuse:** Must be reported to law enforcement and optionally Safe Sport.
- **Other misconduct:** Report directly to Safe Sport.

Additional Considerations:

- Insurance/risk management: Know reporting requirements for “occurrence reports.”
- USA Swimming insurance applies only to **USA Swim athletes at sanctioned events**.
- Be aware of differing policies for **non-USA members (e.g., AAU athletes)**.

VII. Safe Sport Recognition Program (SSRP) and Certification

- **Many Zones now require SSRP certification to host sanctioned meets.**
- Clubs should:
 - Encourage athlete certification (promotes self-awareness and responsibility).
 - Utilize **SWIMS** reports to monitor Safe Sport status.
 - Push for **Safe Sport Certification across all stakeholders**.

VIII. Final Takeaways and Goals for GA LSC

- **Build positive club and LSC cultures** rooted in safety and trust.
- Push athlete, coach, and official **Safe Sport education**.
- Reinforce that **child safety is the “why” behind Safe Sport**.
- Equip clubs with:
 - Up-to-date policies
 - Clear reporting pathways
 - Preventative structures
 - Mental health awareness

Recommended Actions for GA LSC and Clubs

1. **Share resources** with parents and stakeholders (CyberTipline, takeitdown.org, FindHelpGA).
2. Conduct ongoing **education on mandated reporting laws**.
3. Review and strengthen **club policies** on supervision and adult-minor interactions.
4. Promote **Safe Sport Certification** and utilization of **SWIMS** data.
5. Provide **trauma-informed education** to coaches, officials, and club leaders.
6. Encourage all Safe Sport Chairs to **stay informed, network, and refer** rather than investigate.

Prepared with the mission of enhancing safety, wellness, and trust across our swim community.