

# SAFE SPORT REQUIREMENTS

## VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIALS AND COACHES



### **ATTENTION: COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, and OFFICIALS:**

As you may be aware, new federal legislation has expanded requirements around sexual abuse prevention for organizations that arrange amateur athletic competitions for minors.

To ensure compliance with all applicable laws, and to continue to strengthen our ability to protect youth in our care from abuse, ALL coaches and volunteers/officials participating in the YMCA of the USA (Y-USA)'s National Championship, must take the following steps to ensure

policies and procedures for abuse prevention and reporting align with the law. Subject to parental consent, the training will also be made available to minor members if they are working/volunteering at the event. Detailed information on the YMCA of the USA's [Child Abuse Prevent Policy](#)

- **REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING:** For coaches and volunteers/officials, who do not have access to an approved training through Safe Sport, USA Swimming or their local Y, must take this required training at [Praesidium](#). Please use the following registration code to access the training: **yusa\_swim**. See attached [Quick Start](#) guide for any questions regarding the Praesidium training.

The required training is annual and must have been taken within one year of the end date of the championship meet you plan to participate in. REMEMBER to keep a copy of your training completion certificate. You will need this during check-in at the National Championship

- Officials who are USA-S certified officials or coaches who are USA-S registered coaches do not need to take the Praesidium Training since they are required to take an approved annual training under USA-S policy. Note: This training must have been taken within one year of the end date of the YMCA championship meet. These individuals must still read and acknowledgement the YUSA CODE OF CONDUCT (see below) and must present a copy of the training completion certificate
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- **REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** All Coaches and volunteers/officials must read and sign to acknowledge they have read and understood the YMCA of the USA Short Course National [Championship Code of Conduct](#).
- **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AT CHECK-IN:** Coaches, Volunteers and Officials must bring the following to their appropriate (Coach, Volunteer, Official) meet check-in:
  - A copy of their training completion certificate
  - A copy (or original) of all 4 pages including their hand-signed signature on page 4 of the YMCA Code of Conduct

No one will be allowed on deck without presenting these two documents to the appropriate personnel handling their check-in

If you have any questions about the policy, please email [aquatics@ymca.net](mailto:aquatics@ymca.net).