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## **Jury Finds USA Swimming Not Negligent in California Case**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** – A jury in the Jane Doe v. USA Swimming case in Stockton, California, today found that USA Swimming was not responsible for the actions committed by a coach employed by a California swim club.

USA Swimming is grateful to the jury for their time and consideration of this extremely important matter. While the decision correctly identifies who was responsible for this atrocious act, it does not right the wrong, nor should anyone forget that a child was harmed and that everyone needs to continue to do more to ensure a safer environment for our athletes.

An independent body was presented USA Swimming's athlete protection program, along with expert analysis, and concluded that USA Swimming's Safe Sport program and initiatives met or exceeded the standard of care for a youth serving organization.

Today's decision reinforces our course of action and strengthens our resolve to continue to focus on what is important – protecting our athletes and our membership.

If you are a survivor of abuse, we encourage you to report to law enforcement and to the U.S. Center for SafeSport. USA Swimming also offers resources to survivors. For more information visit: [www.usaswimming.org/report](http://www.usaswimming.org/report) or email [swimassist@usaswimming.org](mailto:swimassist@usaswimming.org).

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### **About USA Swimming**

As the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming in the United States, USA Swimming is a 400,000-member service organization that promotes the culture of swimming by creating opportunities for swimmers and coaches of all backgrounds to participate and advance in the sport through clubs, events and education. Our membership is comprised of swimmers from the age group level to the Olympic Team, as well as coaches and volunteers. USA Swimming is responsible for selecting and training teams for international competition including the Olympic Games and strives to serve the sport through its core objectives: Build the base, Promote the sport, Achieve competitive success. For more information, visit [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org).

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