

## **NWPRD Child Protection Safeguards for USA Swimming Programs**

**Current child protection safeguards with USA Swimming are:**

- **All North Whidbey Aquatic Club Coaches are required to become certified by USA Swimming.**
- **Safety Training – All member coaches must be certified in CPR, First Aid and Safety Training for Coaches.**
- **Background Screening – All member coaches must clear (prior to joining and then every two years) a criminal history screening that checks for charges involving sexual misconduct and illegal drug use, among other things. Washington State Patrol Background Investigation is also required.**
- **Education – by the second year of membership a coach must complete the “Foundations of Coaching” course.**
- **Code of Conduct – the rulebook outlines a thorough Code of Conduct that is applied to all members.**
- **Reporting of Complaints- The rulebook details the procedures for reporting any Code of Conduct violations. Complaints involving sexual misconduct should be sent directly to USA Swimming HQ.**

**Concerns regarding any coach’s conduct should be addressed to the North Whidbey Park and Recreation District Director and/or the Board of Commissioners.**