



## Safe Sport Chair Report

September 2022

### Updates Since Last BOD Meeting:

- Athletes turning 18 no longer have a 30-day grace period to complete their APT. APTs must be done before the athlete turns 18 or they will not be allowed to compete in meets until the course has been completed.
- In August, SMAC renewed their SSRP and TCST submitted their information for SSRP approval. The SSRP approval process is on hold for the fall while USAS focuses on the new SWIMS system.
- We are still waiting for KKY, MVSC and WCY to start the SSRP process. Support has been offered but no response.
- New committee members are tentatively approved - Lucy Shaw and Audrey Cohen
- On September 12, USA Swimming's Safe Sport Game Night was promoted on Maine Swimming's Instagram page. Thank you, Audrey.
- On September 30, Karin sent information to Safe Sport club contacts asking them to add language to their Safe Sport page about the ability to now report an issue through simple text messaging.
- During the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, one Safe Sport rule per day was posted to the Maine Swimming Instagram page and shared by several clubs on their social media pages. Thank you to Lucy Shaw and Audrey Cohen for creating and posting these messages to help educate athletes, parents and coaches. They turned this around in 3 days!

### Tasks in Q4:

- Find hot heat prizes for Winter Champs (that we can brand with Safe Sport) that all athletes will want.
- Create a jot form so people can anonymously report violations (ie taking photos/videos behind the blocks at meets or in bathrooms/locker rooms; not cc'ing an adult on communications between a coach and athlete; communications from coach between 9pm and 5am) and the appropriate people could investigate it further.
  - Track these types of violations in case this is repeated behavior and therefore needs to be brought to the attention of USAS Safe Sport.
- Find 1-2 more committee members, possibly someone who is a chair of another committee