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1.27.2016 :: TBD
Safe Sport Webinar

13 Helpful Links

1. [USA Swimming Safe Sport](#)
2. [USA Swimming Education](#)
3. [USOC Safe Sport](#)
4. [Stop It Now! Child Sexual Abuse Prevent](#)
5. [National Children's Advocacy Center](#)
6. [Stop bullying](#)
7. [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#)
8. [Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network](#)
9. [Child Welfare League of America](#)
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12. [National Children's Advocacy Center Lookup](#)
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USA Swimming Safe Sport Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a foundation that allows for direct on-going communication with each of you. Information contained within will cover the most current Safe Sport related information. If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions, please e-mail us at athleteprotection@usaswimming.org.

The 2015-2016 Safe Sport efforts are wholly focused on the goal to increase local level engagement. We believe we can raise awareness for Safe Sport and increase local level engagement in three ways:

1. To Increase and Empower our Safe Sport Champions
2. To Activate Swim Meets as Parent Engagement Opportunities
3. To Encourage and Support Club Leadership

These goals will drive all Safe Sport efforts through 2016.

Safe Sport Updates

Brand New! Just developed and now available to all is the Safe Sport Self-Assessment. This is a brand new and free resource available for any club. The goal of this assessment is for teams to gain a greater understanding of how the available Safe Sport resources can assist in creating a culture of Safe Sport for their team.

There are six sections of the self-assessment, consistent with the six program areas of Safe Sport. While there are not necessarily right or wrong answers to the assessment, the questions and the recommendations in the user guide are designed to provide a step by step map to create a Safe Sport culture on a team.

Users will take the self-assessment first. When finished, they will receive a copy of their responses. They can then use the guide to review their self-assessment with the other leaders of the swim club.

We encourage you all to share this new tool with teams in your LSCs. Individualized feedback on submitted self-assessments is also available. If this is something you are interested in please contact Maggie Vail at mvail@usaswimming.org.

You can find the Safe Sport Self-Assessment [here](#) or at www.usaswimming.org/toolkit.

Safe Sport Events

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Safe Sport Fellowship Program! We are excited to announce that we had 27 athletes apply for the fellowship program. All applicants went through an interview process and did a fantastic job! We had incredible applicants who were passionate and energized about being a part of the program. After many deliberations, four participants were selected. These participants are spread across the country, coming to us from the Minnesota, Illinois, Allegheny Mountain, and New England LSCs. Their first Leadership Institute will be held at the end of January in Colorado Springs. We are very excited to see what these young leaders have to offer!

Reminders

Athlete Protection Training! Be sure to renew your athlete protection training by the end of the year and to remind people in your LSC's to do the same. No one wants to be the one kept off the deck because they did not get it done in time. Don't wait till the last minute, you can access the renewal training link [here](#). Please be sure to follow the prompts so you take the correct course.

Webinar! On November 4th we held a Safe Sport webinar. We walked through scenarios and talked through how you could address them and what tools are available to assist you in doing so. If you could not attend the webinar you can view it and any other at your leisure [here](#). The next Safe Sport webinar will be held January 27, topic TBD.

Safe Sport Awareness

Kudos to Paul Stauder! Kudos Paul Stauder! Paul is the Safe Sport Chair in Indiana and initiated their first ever Safe Sport Week. Paul traveled around the LSC to train athletes and meet with club leadership to fully implement athlete protection practices at the club level. The effort also encouraged clubs to appoint Safe Sport Coordinators at each club. You can find more information about this initiative at www.usaswimming.org/protect under 'Connect with LSC Initiatives'.

Shout out to... Paul Stockett who created and implemented The Middle Atlantic Incentive Program in order to train more athletes. A story of Paul's initiative was published in his hometown newspaper and on the highly-trafficked site Philly.com. You can see it [here](#).

If you have any Safe Sport projects you are working on please let us know. We would like to give you recognition as well!

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You can find all webinars available from the Online Coaches Clinic [here](#).

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