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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.

Safe Sport Updates

Applications are open until November 10! The Athlete Fellowship Program is a year-long leadership development program designed for athlete members who wish to be more involved in the governance of the organization with particular emphasis on Safe Sport. We are now accepting applications from athletes who want to develop projects to bring the Safe sport message to their local swim clubs and increase awareness of the Safe Sport movement. The Fellowship is anchored by three Leadership Institutes, where fellows will have the opportunity to dive deeper into leadership development practices and set personal goals. Athletes aged 15 and older are eligible to apply. Please find the application at www.usaswimming.org/protect or contact Maggie Vail mvail@usaswimming.org with questions.

Safe Sport Events

Convention Recap

Convention in Kansas City was a great success. This was one of the best, most well-received years for Safe Sport at Convention. Thanks to so many LSC Safe Sport Chairs and/or their representatives, the five Safe Sport sessions from Tuesday-Friday were well attended and enjoyed by most.

Convention handouts can be found [here](#) and Safe Sport presentations from convention can be found [here](#).

Congratulations Paul! This year's Safe Sport Award winner was Paul Stockett. Paul designed and initiated The Middle Atlantic Incentive Program. The program offered an incentive to the clubs of Middle Atlantic Swimming to encourage their athletes to take the athlete protection training offered by Safe Sport. The training could have been taken online individually or in a group, and participation was tracked for a six week period. During that period, Middle Atlantic experienced a 26% increase in athletes taking the training, and the program is now ready to be replicated in other LSCs.

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Resources

Successfully sustaining a culture of Safe Sport takes place at the club level. There are many tools and resources available to help support a positive culture. You can find all of the new promotional materials distributed at Convention and more at www.usaswimming.org/toolkit.



Reminders

What Would You Do Webinar On Wednesday, November 4 we will hold a webinar walking through real-life case scenarios and share the resources available to members to assist them in addressing the breaks in culture that may come up at their clubs and how to reduce that risk.

Safe Sport Awareness

The Lake Erie Project! Lake Erie Swimming has been piloting a Safe Sport program designed to promote awareness and education for both the LSC and the clubs. The LE Project features a comprehensive approach of online and in-person trainings, promotional tables at meets, including Safe Sport procedures in the meet management manual, and appointing a Safe Sport coordinator at clubs. You can review the project summary [here](#). This is great work lead by Pam Cook! KUDOS!

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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