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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

Webinars! On May 20, 2015 representatives from The Nonprofit Risk Management Center gave a webinar on effective hiring practices highlighting the upcoming hiring tool Swim Staff Select. You can access the webinar [here](#).

Swim Staff Select is a free online tool that will be available to all USA Swimming clubs to help assist in their hiring of staff. This tool will be available on July 20.

Website Remodel! Take a look at the updated Safe Sport section of the USA Swimming website [here](#)! We welcome feedback about how you like the look and feel of the new website. Feedback can be provided to Maggie Vail at mvail@usaswimming.org.

Safe Sport Events

Safe Sport Chairs Workshop! The LSC Safe Sport Chairs Workshop took place on June 6-7, in Denver, CO. The workshop was well attended with 33 LSCs represented. The weekend was filled with great conversation, participation and brainstorming of goals. Thank you to all the attendees who made this workshop a productive one.

Regional Coaches Clinics! Coming this fall, Safe Sport staff will travel to the four Regional Coaches Clinics to facilitate conversations about strategies for sustaining a safe, healthy environment on your team. The regional coaches clinics will be held in Norfolk, VA (8/14-8/16); Austin, TX (8/21-8/23); Tulsa, OK (9/18-9/20); and Fairfield, CA (10/23-10/25). For further information please go [here](#).

Training numbers to date: In the first half of this year USA Swimming Safe Sport staff has had the opportunity to present to a number of different groups. Between camps and trainings at the Olympic Training Center, Regional Coaches Clinics, Swimposiums and other

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opportunities, staff has trained 1,353 people since January 1st. We believe that in-person trainings are the best way to spread the Safe Sport message. We are happy to speak to anyone interested in bringing a training to their team or Swimposium. To request a training or Safe Sport speaker, please complete the online Speaker Request Form under "Access Training Materials" at www.usaswimming.org/protect or contact Safe Sport Education Specialist Maggie Vail at mvail@usaswimming.org with questions or for more information.

Resources

Washington Post: "Recruited by Harvard for the women's swim team, he'll jump into the pool as a man". This is a great article about the first openly transgender collegiate swimmer in U.S. history. Please take the time to read the article [here](#) and see for yourself just how brave this young man is and how inclusive his Harvard team is.

Reminders

Convention! Convention will run from September 28 to October 4 in Kansas City, MO. There will be a Safe Sport Chairs workshop on the evening of Tuesday September 9 from 4pm-8pm. Additional Safe Sport sessions are scheduled for Thursday and Friday afternoon. Please keep these in mind when you are making your travel arrangements. Session topics are TBD. We welcome any ideas for session topics you would like to see and those ideas can be sent to Liz Hoendervoogt at ehoendervoogt@usaswimming.org.

Safe Sport Awareness

Shout out to Safe Sport Chairs Paul Stauder (IN) and Maureen Lennon (CA), just to name a few, who continue to do great work in their LSCs. They are really working hard on encouraging their LSC membership to take the online trainings and take advantage of in person trainings. Any chairs that want to discuss goals in spreading the Safe Sport word or how to implement them please feel free to reach out to fellow Safe Sport Chairs or staff at the National Office. You can access the LSC chairs list [here](#).

Coming Soon: Free online anti-bullying course

To help increase awareness and reduce the risk of abuse, Safe Sport will be launching a new online course to help parents and coaches identify and address bullying behaviors. Bullying behaviors can lead to a negative team environment if not handled properly and quickly. This new course will be a great tool to add to your toolkit. To be released July 6, 2015.

Coming soon is also the Athlete Protection Training Refresher course. This course is set to launch at the beginning of September and will serve

as the certification course for renewing members.

Please contact Maggie Vail at mvail@usaswimming.org if you have any questions about these new courses.

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