



PVS 2017 HOD Safe Sport Report

Safe Sport at the LSC level is all about education, awareness and keeping our athletes safe. Additionally we are charged with performing grassroots engagement and feedback and recognizing, responding and reporting.

During the 2016-2017 season the local leadership position went from Greg York to Merari Chollette. Greg York remains very active and involved as he is the Eastern Zone Coordinator for Safe Sport and is also a member of the national committee.

In February 2017 PVS hosted the first ever USA Swimming LSC Safe Sport Day. The day was hosted by the PVS Athlete Committee and supported by our LSC and Eastern Zone Safe Sport representatives and USA Swimming national office specialists. The day offered education and networking opportunities for athletes, parents and coaches. Moving forward we would like to increase attendance at this event and offer it on an annual basis.

In the 2017-2018 season there will be increased awareness through banners at pool sites and distribution of informational flyers, bag tags and other items that will educate and create awareness. There will be a push to have more teams encourage their parents and athletes to take the online Safe Sport training courses and participate in any in person training and education opportunities. We will also work towards every team having a designated Safe Sport Contact. Another goal is to continue to improve locker room policies and culture. Marshal training and certification is also being considered to improve the safety of our meets as it relates to potential safe sport issues. We will also continue to post the Safe Sport Monday Newsletters.

I will be attending several Safe Sport Workshops and Conferences as offered by USA Swimming to make sure to stay up to date with emerging trends and best practices and bring the knowledge learned back to our LSC.

Respectfully Submitted,

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