

#### Volume 30 March 2019 Newsletter

This newsletter facilitates direct communication from the USA Swimming Safe Sport team and each of you. Information contained within will cover current USA Swimming Safe Sport information. Please provide any feedback, comments or suggestions at safesport@usaswimming.org.

#### Welcome Fellows Class of 2019

Four members of the 2019 USA Swimming Athlete Fellowship class are working with the Safe Sport team this year. These young leaders hail from New England, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Sierra Nevada LSCs. The entire class of Athlete Fellows gathered in Colorado Springs to kick off their year and to participate in their first Leadership Institute, facilitated by the 2018 Safe Sport Fellows. They learned about Safe Sport and their own leadership strengths, started planning their projects, and got competitive in a nerf battle. Stay tuned this year as they get working on their Safe Sport projects.





## Safe Sport Fellows In Action

Over the past few months our Safe Sport Fellows have been doing amazing things such as tabling at meets, presenting in front of their board of directors, and conducting training with their teams. One of our fellows Sahar Mumtaz, hosted a tabling event at the New England Regionals. Great job Sahar!











#### **Safe Sport Recognition Program**

Congratulations to the teams that have achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition!!!!

Since our last newsletter, 15 clubs have achieved Safe Sport Recognition. Well done! These teams are:

- Aces Swim Club CO
- Bloomington Normal Swim Club IL
- Boise Swim Club SR
- Cape Fear Aquatics Club NC
- Fairfax Foxes Swimming PV
- Jets Aquatic Club AR
- Lawrence County Aquatics IN
- Maryland Suburban Swim Club PV
- Mundelein Mustang Swim Club IL
- Sea Dragon Aquatics FL
- South Florida Aquatic Club FG
- Splash Club, Inc. OK
- Swim Fort Lauderdale FG
- Thames Aquatic Club CT
- Town Wreckers Swim Team NI

Thank you for your commitment to providing a safe, healthy, and positive environment at your clubs. Find more information about the Safe Sport Recognized Club Program at <a href="https://www.usaswimming.org/ssrp">www.usaswimming.org/ssrp</a>.



## 2019 Safe Sport Leadership Conference "360°" Recap

The 2019 Safe Sport Leadership Conference was a huge success! Nearly 150 attendees from USA Swimming and around the Olympic movement participated in enriching workshops, discussions, and networking time. The conference—themed 360°--featured presentations from Darkness to Light, Safe Passage Child Advocacy Center, Kid Power, and AHA, as well as a panel discussion and a compelling survivor story from Matthew Sandusky. Presentation materials are still available at <a href="https://www.usaswimming.org/protect">www.usaswimming.org/protect</a>.

### Recap Of Safe Sport Mandatory Reporting Webinar

In this month's webinar, Safe Sport Staff members Liz Hahn and Abby Howard presented on the who, what, when, where and why of Mandated Reporting. This is an incredibly important topic as we all have the obligation to report suspected abuse. While we are required to report, it can be overwhelming, and we can be unsure of how to do it. This webinar will walk through every step and answer any questions you may have.

If you missed the Safe Sport webinar from March 13, you can view it, and all past Safe Sport Webinars, here.

#### **U.S Center For SafeSport Webinars**

The U.S Center for SafeSport has created five educational webinars that are open and free to the public.

You can sign up here





# **Athlete Protection Training** requirement has changed

In January 2019, the Safe Sport staff sent a notice to all USA Swimming non-athlete members about

changes to the Athlete Protection Training. Every USA Swimming member or individual with authority over, or frequent contact with, athletes will now be required to annually complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport "Core Center for SafeSport Training" educational resource or its refresher course. Starting February 4, 2019, the Core went live on the USA Swimming LEARN platform. If you have any questions about this training requirement please don't hesitate to contact the Safe Sport staff.

## Time To Sign Up For The Spring Zone Workshops

Do not forget to register!

The Spring Zone Workshops are getting closer. This year's zone workshops will include multiple positions from the LSCs, for a weekend full of learning and collaboration.

We look forward to seeing as many of our LSC Safe Sport Chairs as possible!

Further details are provided by clicking on the registration links below.

Western & Southern Zone Workshop Thursday, May 9 - Saturday, May 11 Denver, CO

Hotel- Denver Marriott Tech Center

Register <u>here</u> for the Western and Southern Zone Workshop by April 1st

Eastern & Central Zone Workshop Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Chicago, IL

Hotel- Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites

Register <u>here</u> for the Eastern & Central Zone Workshop by April 15<sup>th</sup>

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