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## USA Swimming Safe Sport Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a foundation that allows for direct and 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 [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org).

## Safe Sport Events

**Convention 2016!** Our time at Convention this year was another great success. We had good turnout at all the Safe Sport sessions and very productive conversations during the breakout sessions in the Chairs Workshop.

This year we were pleased to co-host the LGBTQ breakfast with Diversity and Inclusion. It was an honor to have Schuyler Bailar and his father as our guests for that breakfast.

For the first time this year, Safe Sport hosted a booth in the exhibit hall. This proved to be a great way to distribute Safe Sport educational materials and have a place where we could meet and talk with members one on one.

Thank you to everyone who attended Convention and contributed to another great time together!

## Reminders

**Safe Sport Athlete Fellowship Application is Open!** The Safe Sport Fellowship is an exciting opportunity for athlete members to take on a leadership role in the USA Swimming Safe Sport movement. Fellows will attend three Leadership Institutes throughout their 13 month commitment and execute a Safe Sport project in their home LSC. Fellows will gain valuable leadership training, create new professional contacts, and plug in to the leadership of USA Swimming in an unprecedented way.

Fellows must be 15 years or older and current athlete members of USA Swimming. There is no cost to apply or participate.

If you know any athletes who would be good candidates, please encourage them to apply. You can find the application and more information about the fellowship program at [www.usaswimming.org/protect](http://www.usaswimming.org/protect), you can also contact Maggie Vail at [mvail@usaswimming.org](mailto:mvail@usaswimming.org).

## Safe Sport Awareness

**SAVE THE DATE!** We are excited to host the third Safe Sport Leadership Conference in Denver, CO this January 22-23. Like in the past, this conference is an industry professional development opportunity. We invite those working with youth to come together and learn about best practices while serving them. Please join us!

Registration will be open from November 15- January 10, and there will be no registration fee for USA Swimming members. To register and for more information please go to [www.usaswimming.org/sslc2017](http://www.usaswimming.org/sslc2017)



**Diversity & Inclusion!** Please take a moment to look at the LGBTQ Cultural Inclusion Resource Guide that was released on September 22. This resource guide is a phenomenal tool that will help coaches, parents and clubs provide a safe and inclusive environment for all athletes. This guide is the third in a series of 'Cultural Inclusion' guides following the African-American and Hispanic/Latino Guide (available in both English and Spanish) that were released earlier this year. You can find the full LGBTQ Cultural Inclusion Guide and further information about Diversity and Inclusion [here](#).

## LSC Safe Sport Highlight

**Congratulations to Paul Stauder, Indiana Safe Sport Chair!** Paul received the Safe Sport Impact Award at Convention for his ongoing Safe Sport initiatives in his LSC. Paul initiated Indiana Safe Sport week where he traveled around the LSC to train athletes and meet with club leadership to fully implement athlete protection practices at the club level. The purpose of the Safe Sport Impact Award is to recognize significant achievement by an individual or group who has contributed to the fulfillment of the Safe Sport Committee mission to safeguard all members of USA Swimming from sexual, psychological, emotional and physical abuse. Paul does just this and is a great example of what it means to be a Safe Sport champion. Thanks, Paul, for all you have done and continue to do!

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

Please continue to follow us on Twitter [@SwimSafeSport](https://twitter.com/SwimSafeSport) and on Facebook at USA Swimming Safe Sport.

You can find previous Newsletters [here](#).

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

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