Safe Sport Updates

National Convention

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Become a Safe Sport Recognized Club and demonstrate your team's commitment to safeguarding your athletes and all participants!

The Safe Sport Recognized Club program allows clubs to demonstrate their commitment to creating a safe, healthy, and positive environment for all of their members through the development and implementation of Athlete Protection Policies, Safe Sport Best Practices, and Safe Sport education.

Safe Sport Recognized Clubs earn a badge to display on their website, and these clubs will be designated as Safe Sport Recognized in USA Swimming’s Find-a-Club online tool

**What’s Involved in the Safe Sport Recognition Program?**

* Policies, procedures, and best practices: clubs will share their Athlete Protection Policies and the other ways they've set up their clubs to safeguard members.
* Personnel: a big part of successfully implementing Safe Sport is getting the right people involved.  Clubs will demonstrate the screening and selection procedures for staff and volunteers.
* Training and Education: clubs will be awarded points for having athletes and parents complete the Safe Sport online courses, as well as hosting in-person Safe Sport-related training.
* Reporting: clubs will demonstrate how they communicate to their members about reporting to USA Swimming Safe Sport and the Center for SafeSport.

**How do I get started?**

Similar to Club Recognition, club administrators log into the Club Portal to begin the process.  Safe Sport Recognition **can be renewed every 2 years.**

A second new idea in Safe Sport is the Safe Sport Fellowship.

We also have an initiative which started a couple of years ago called the Safe Sport Fellowship. There is information that is available HoD that is a hand out if you are interested. It will be discussed during HoD and you can pick up information there. We’ve been given a challenge by our Zone Safe Sport Coordinator to have 100 applications for the Fellowship turned in this year by the Central Zone. That breaks down to 10 per LSC. So, get those applications in and let’s lead the Central Zone to victory in this challenge.

Last, I will be happy to come to your club and provide Safe Sport training to athletes, parents or volunteers. Just let me know and we’ll set something up.

I will also be sending out “Safe Sport Monday” scenarios monthly to each Safe Sport Coordinator and Safe Sport athlete rep for your club.

Thanks so much for your continued support of Safe Sport.

 SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Lee, Safe Sport Chair

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