

Safe Sport Report
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Safe Sport Education: Please continue to remind your athletes, parents, and coaches about the free education available to them. You can find many education resources on the USA Swimming website. They have also started a Resource Library, which will include many new items.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault awareness Month. Parents Magazine picked up USA Swimming abuse prevention tips info graphic for a short blog promoting awareness. The article's title is: "The Conversation All Parents of Young Athletes Need to Have."

Safe Sport Leadership Conference: One of the items presented was the result from the Safe Survey Report. The survey was distributed to athletes' ages 12 and older and coaches through email and social media and was available for a two-week time frame. During that time 1,528 athletes and 804 coaches completed the survey. The survey was developed to measure: (1) Awareness of Safe Sport, (2) Use of Safe Sport tools at the club level, and (3) The degree to which clubs are promoting a positive sport culture. The data is a valuable tool for learning the levels of engagement across USA Swimming membership.

One of the other topics of interest covered at the Safe Sport Leadership Conference was the difference between bullying and conflict. There was a panel discussion on Bullying, Conflict, and How to Manage. The focus was on explaining the definitions and differences between bullying, rudeness and mean behavior. Check out the article written by Signe Whitson titled "Why Bullying is the New Little Boy who cried Wolf."

Rules and Regulations Deck Changing Policy: A reminder that deck changing is not acceptable. The focus should be on educating members that deck changing is not acceptable and can put athletes at risk.

Safe Sport Chairs Workshop: The LSC Safe Sport Chairs workshop is scheduled for June 6 – June 7. USA Swimming will provide housing. They ask that transportation be provided by the LSCs.

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