

Safe Sport Report  
BOD Meeting  
February 7, 2019

**Athlete Protection Training:** There are some changes this year to the USA Swimming required Athlete Protection Training (APT). The US Center for Safe Sport is the separate, independent, organization that responds to reports of abuse. In addition to that responsibility, the Center also sets policies for national governing bodies such as USA Swimming to follow and provides educational tools and resources. As a policy, the Center is requiring every USA Swimming member or individual with authority over, or frequent contact with, athletes to annually complete its "Core Center for Safe Sport Training" educational resource or its refresher course. Starting February 4, 2019, the Core training will be live on the USA Swimming LEARN platform.

This will be a change from how APT was completed in previous years both in substance and in the annual requirements. First, while each member's current APT training expiration date will be honored, members will no longer have a two year USA Swimming APT certification. In the first year following expiration or upon new registration, only the Center's Core training course will be required to obtain APT certification. Thereafter, every year, every non-athlete member will be required to complete the Center's refresher course and also to take a USA Swimming elective APT course in order to obtain the required number of points for APT certification.

**Safe Sport Leadership Conference:** The following topics and speakers were:

1. Choosing Courage: Nurturing a culture of child safety through Leadership - presented by Katelyn Brewer of Darkness to Light
2. What we See in the Trenches - Grooming and Predatory Behavior - Mo Basenberg and Deb Paton from Safe Passage
  - Children do not tend to report abuses immediately
  - Offenders are those people you do not always expect
  - Most of the techniques from abuser to abuser are the same

Safe Passage helps families and victims to walk through the process. There are some families who do not want the help immediately but many years later.

3. Kidpower: Child Advocacy in Action - Jan Isaacs Henry
  - Responsible for training people in all environments to help protect children
  - Children also need to be trained

Put Safety First Commitment: I will put the safety and well-being of young people ahead of anyone's embarrassment, inconvenience, or offense.

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4. The Resilient Soul: Matthew Sandusky Peaceful Hearts Foundation  
From a survivors point of view.

5. Empathy, Connection and Resilience: Dr. Jennifer Free  
AHA- Socially and Emotionally Intelligent Sports Leadership

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