

COACHES DIVISION REPORT- 10/03/2020- HOD

Safe Sport

As of September, New Jersey has 6 clubs that are Safe Sport recognized. There are another 10 clubs that have started the process. USA Swimming continues to offer a number of Zoom trainings throughout the month. Once a club achieves Safe Sport Club Recognition, it will be automatically entered into a monthly drawing for the chance to have a National Team member or alum visit your club. All previously recognized clubs and newly recognized clubs will be eligible for entry.

Additional Information:

- Monthly drawings will begin July 2, 2020 and continue through December 1, 2021.
- Clubs can only win one time.
- Winners will be picked at random and notified via email.
- The visit will be scheduled at the convenience of the club and athlete and will take place on a single day.
- The visit may take place in-person or virtually, at USA Swimming's discretion.
- There will be no cost to your club or the visit.

An extra incentive to start working on Safe Sport Recognition. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions.

Two new programs launched by Safe Sport in mid-August. Information can be found under Safe Sport on the USA Swimming website.

USA Swimming is excited to announce a partnership with Futures Without Violence (FUTURES) to introduce two new free programs for teams across the United States: **Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes as Leaders**. Both programs provide curriculum for teams to encourage healthy relationships and promote leadership among athletes in the fight against sexual violence.

"We believe that sexual, physical and emotional abuse have no place in our sport, and it is everyone's responsibility to be a part of preventing these situations from occurring," said Liz Hahn, USA Swimming's Safe Sport Senior Manager.

As the only evidence-based program endorsed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Coaching Boys Into Men's curriculum is meant for male coaches to discuss with their male-identifying athletes ages 12 and older. It allows coaches to positively influence how their young male athletes think and behave in and out of the pool.

The Athletes as Leaders curriculum was created by Harborview Abuse & Trauma Center and is meant for female coaches or team mentors to run with their female-identifying athletes ages 12 and older. In this program, athletes are encouraged to be leaders in changing peer norms to a culture of safety and respect. "The goal of this program is through regular conversations, members would discover Safe Sport is accessible and helpful in building strong, healthy and safe communities within their club," Hahn said.

With the help of these programs, coaches and/or mentors can produce a healthy and positive culture for athletes to have open and honest conversations.

Marlene Curtis, NJ Swimming Safe Sport

Coaches Representative elections:

There will be an election for the position of Junior Coaches Representative. This is a two-year position, with the Junior Rep moving into the role of Senior Representative after one year. Please send all nominations to Jon Seigel [at jpseigel@madisonymca.org](mailto:jpseigel@madisonymca.org) by October 5th. An online election will be held on October 10th.

Matt Garifo, Coaches Division Chair