

Registration Coordinator and Safe Sport Chair Report

USAS Convention 2019

September 10-14, 2019 St Louis, MO

Following is a report of workshops and meetings attended at the 2019 USAS National Convention, relevant to the role of LSC Registration Coordinator and Safe Sport Chair:

Registration & Membership Committee Business Meeting. Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

New Coach Certification Requirements:

Concussion Protocol Training (CPT) and Coaches Advantage Training (CAT) fields are now required for all USA Swimming Coach Members Jan 1, 2020. The data fields are in SWIMS, and when entered, show on the members' Deck Pass cards as completed. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training is coming soon.

USA Swimming proposal to raise the Club registration fees to \$500 for new clubs and \$250 for renewing clubs was discussed. The Club fee has not increased in over 30 years, while services to member clubs (insurance, technology, staff, events), and the cost of providing those services, have increased. LSCs would be able to set policies and work with USA Swimming for hardship waivers for new/renewing clubs unable to meet the increase.

Retroactive to Sept 1, 2019, only 1 Seasonal membership per year is permitted. Seasonal members are now permitted to upgrade to Premium by paying the difference in the Seasonal (\$30+\$8) to Premium (\$32+\$4) cost.

Central Zone Meeting. Thursday, September 12, 2019

Discussion of proposal to increase Club fee to \$500 for new clubs and \$250 for renewing clubs. Emphasis on the increase in services provided in the last 30 years, with no increase in club fees in that time.

- Insurance & Risk Management –would cost around \$10,000/club if clubs were to insure themselves at the level provided through USA Swimming.
- SWIMS database – a multi-million-dollar project
- Club Excellence – reinvests \$5 million to clubs
- Sectionals and Futures - \$5 million to meet hosts
- SwimBiz, Swimposium, webcasts and workshops, leadership trainings for athletes, coaches, LSCs
- 40% of clubs already have LSC dues above USA Swimming dues
- \$250 is average among other governing bodies

Ultimately the proposal was recommitted to the Board at HOD on Saturday. Concerns included hardship for small and/or new clubs, as well as lack of a well-defined protocol in place for a hardship waiver.

Coaching Boys Into Men & Athletes Into leaders, Thursday, September 12, 2019

This Safe Sport workshop presented a curriculum that coaches and/or club leaders could utilize to conduct brief (15 minute) discussions with a group of athletes. Discussion topics included things like Respectful Language, Digital Disrespect, Understanding Consent, When Aggression Crosses the Line, Relationship Abuse, Taking A Stand Against Bullying, Communicating Boundaries, Modeling Respect, and others. Discussions may be initiated by a coach (ideally), but if necessary, a parent leader, a teacher, or even a peer leader. Well suited for clubs already doing (or looking to start) the Safe Sport Mondays program.

The curriculum is a proven method for changing interactions (all interactions, not just athlete/coach or athlete/athlete), building team culture, preventing violence, abuse, bullying, and promoting safe, healthy relationships with others.

The CBIM Coaches Kit is free, available to anyone, suitable for ages 11 and older, and is available at www.coachescorner.org for print, or download to mobile device.

Athletes As Leaders is a Coaching Boys Into Men complementary program for female athletic teams. The program aims to empower female-identified youth to take an active role in promoting healthy relationships and ending sexual violence. <https://www.athletesasleaders.org/>

Safe Sport Chairs Workshop. Friday, September 13, 2019

Discussion of duties and responsibilities of the Safe Sport Chair. Review of reporting – when, how.

Presentation of resources available to Safe Sport Chairs, as well as sharing of ideas from a few LSC that have implemented various Safe Sport programs (what works, what doesn't) e.g. tabling/displays at meets, promoting SSRP, visiting clubs to host a workshop.

Safe Sport Recognition Program (SSRP) – online application for clubs, demonstrating completion of a list of items (some required, some optional). Once completed, the club becomes a Safe Sport Recognized Club, and earns the SSRP badge for their club website, as well as advertisement as a Safe Sport Recognized Club in the Find-A-Club search. Once achieved, SSRP is good for 2 years. With the focus on MAAPP implementation and Adult APT this past year, SSRP program was somewhat sidelined. This year, we will see more information and a greater push for clubs to complete this. As of September 9, 10 Iowa Swimming clubs have started SSRP.

Member Data Validation System (MDVS) meeting. Friday, September 13, 2019

Over 900 clubs are now using MDVS with Team Unify. Active now has their own version and while somewhat more complex to use (and Active seems to be working out some bugs) it is available.

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