



NES COACHES COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP

Wednesday September 22nd, 2021
2 PM via zoom

BOARD MATTERS

1. At our last board meeting, coach Mark Kiely (LSSC) expressed interest in bringing Water Safety Days to locations in RI!! Since then, we also have had Susan Pascale-Frechette from PODS in RI also reach out about a Water Safety Day. I will bring this up at the next board meeting and ask what the next steps for these two should be.
2. Mask policy opinion from the coaches: it seems like most teams who are running meets already have some sort of mask requirement in place in MA and VT. The political landscape is a bit different in NH so policing something like that may be difficult in that state if proposed by the board. All in all though it seemed like most coaches were on board for something like this. We also all agreed that it would make the most sense to have the swimmers wear them to the blocks since that is where a lot of crowding can occur.

SAFE SPORT & MAAP 2.0

1. **This note was in here last time but needs to be posted again:** Anne Kaufman is more than willing to do a lot to help teams get safe sport certified. Please [email her](#) if you need help, even if it's just getting started.
2. Teams will need to be Safe Sport recognized before putting in a bid for meets starting February 1, 2022 (long course season bids) as well as their sanction. Please reach out to Anne if you still need help doing this!

ODDS & ENDS

1. Final voting for coach of the year is today and tomorrow!! Please [GO HERE](#) if you have not voted already. Winners will be announced at the banquet on Sunday!
2. The committee was introduced to The Life Star, a concept learned down at ASCA, to try and help bring some awareness to our mental health. This could be great for your kids as well!! [Here is a link](#) to more information on it as well as a [download](#) link to a worksheet you can printout at the bottom.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rhi Jeffrey - Senior Rep (ATLA), Alessandro Eramo - Junior Rep (BYB), Nicola Anderson (GMA), Jon Castaldo (CRA), Scott Ellis (UVAC), Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck (UN), Mark Kiely (LSSC), Allan Kopel (UN), Julie Margolis (SAIL), Dave Martin (NSSC), Chris Morgan (BGSC), Chris Sheppard (CS), Marilyn Soraghan (RAYS), Tim Thompson (PHX), Gretchen Turner (USC), Moriah Tyrrell (UN), Dan Warner (UN)