USAS 2021 Zone Workshop

April 30-May 1,2021 via Zoom

USAS Governance updates. There has been much information sent out updating members on the updated USOPC mandate of 33.3% athlete representation to the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors. Many updates will be made to increase athlete participation/voice on the USAS HOD make up. It is still a work in progress, but will come to vote soon. LSC’s will lose half their votes under this plan.

Part 2 – If the new legislation does not pass – there is a strong possibility that USA Swimming will be decertified. USOPC must certify the NGB’s.

Voting will be in June to go into effect in September.

There will be no USAS Conventions going forward. HOD for USA Swimming will be streamlined for fall presentations. Will utilize enhanced Zone Workshops.

Coaches Education

New roll out will be done and implemented for fall 2022. Foundations of Coaching will be eliminated and a new Certification Program will be in place. New coaches will be required to follow the new process. Existing coaches will need to begin to submit continuing educations on a 3 year cycle. More info to follow.

Safe Sport

MAAPP is being updated and expanded. September expected implementation.

Communication from USAS will be coming – extended electronic communication hours ban and adult participant addition, travel, locker room, massages, definitions.

Age range requirements for athletes – minor vs adults

Safe Sport Leadership Conference – link to view: <https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches/clinics-workshops/online-coach-clinics/safe-sport>

Webinars from US Center for Safe Sport - https://uscenterforsafesport.org/training‐andeducation/

minor‐athlete‐abuse‐prevention‐policies/ (not swimming specific – USAS may be stricter and have more requirements)

Specific MAAPP questions and concerns – maapp@usaswimming.org

 [www.usaswimming.org/maapp](http://www.usaswimming.org/maapp)

Safe Sport Certified Clubs – all clubs should be certified or close to being done.

DEI

Many webinars and events are coming up – see USA Swimming website.

Imbedding DEI and your LSC and club – make sure you are doing everything possible.

Coach’s education will include DEI training.

More representation needed – from the top down.

Lots of resources available.

<https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2017/06/29/lgbtq-resources>

<https://freedomforallamericans.org/legislative-tracker/anti-transgender-legislation/>

Any questions that you may want to discuss offline, Mike Switalski can be reached at 716-359-4729 or coachmike@cityswimproject.org

LSC Shared Services

LSC’s can share resources to better their staff, program and offerings. A few LSC’s already do this. Sharing training, meets etc. can benefit the LSC.