



## **2019 SCS-Safe Sport Committee Report - April 17, 2019**

Safe Sport is constantly moving to the forefront of education and information for athletes, parents, volunteers and all those who are working to create a safer environment for our sport. Areas of importance and interest include the following items of interest:

➤ **Safe Sports Application for Safe Sport Fellows produced the following:**

Four members of the 2019 USA Swimming Athlete Fellowship class are working with the Safe Sport team this year. These young leaders hail from New England, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Sierra Nevada LSCs.

➤ **Safe Sport Recognition Program**

Congratulations to the teams that have achieved Safe Sport Club Recognition!!!!As of March 28, 2019, 15 clubs have achieved Safe Sport Recognition. Well done! Thank you for your commitment to providing a safe, healthy, and positive environment at your clubs. Find more information about the Safe Sport Recognized Club Program at [www.usaswimming.org/ssrp](http://www.usaswimming.org/ssrp).

➤ **Safe Sport Webinar**

In this month's webinar, Safe Sport Staff members Liz Hahn and Abby Howard presented on the who, what, when, where and why of Mandated Reporting. This is an incredibly important topic as we all have the obligation to report suspected abuse. While we are required to report, it can be overwhelming, and we can be unsure of how to do it. This webinar will walk through every step and answer any questions you may have. If you missed the Safe Sport webinar from March 13, you can view it, and all past Safe Sport Webinars, [here](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5239148014582543373).  
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➤ **U.S Center For SafeSport Webinars**

The U.S Center for SafeSport has created five educational webinars that are open and free to the public.

You can sign up [here](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5239148014582543373) (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5239148014582543373>)

➤ **A Reminder...Athlete Protection Training requirement has changed**

In January 2019, the Safe Sport staff sent a notice to all USA Swimming non-athlete members about changes to the Athlete Protection Training. Every USA Swimming member or individual with authority over, or frequent contact with, athletes will now be required to annually complete the U.S. Center for

SafeSport “Core Center for SafeSport Training” educational resource or its refresher course. Starting February 4, 2019, the Core went live on the USA Swimming LEARN platform. If you have any questions about this training requirement please don't hesitate to contact the Safe Sport staff.

➤ **Western/Southern Zone LSC Workshop**

Members of the SCS entities involved with various aspects of providing the best opportunities, education and programs for our SCS Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers and Programs will attend the Western/Southern Zone LSC Workshop in Denver from May 9-11. Our goal is to bring back innovative ideas that can be used to support the development of Southern California Swimming.

- **All past Safe Sport webinars are available here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/articles-landing-page/2017/04/03/online-clinic-series---safe-sport>**
- **Questions for Safe Sport can be directed to: Maggie Vail, MSW | Safe Sport Education Manager | [\(719\) 866-3552](tel:7198663552) | [\(719\) 244-0530](tel:7192440530) | [//usaswimming.org/protect](https://usaswimming.org/protect) | [@SwimSafeSport](https://twitter.com/SwimSafeSport)**

- **Please continue to follow Safe Sport on Twitter @SwimSafeSport and on Facebook at USA Swimming Safe Sport.**
- **In January at the Safe Sport Conference we were privileged to hear several great speakers and presentations, one of which was from the authors of 'Doing Right by Our Kids' *Protecting Child Safety at all Levels*, By Amy Tiemann, Author of *Mojo Mom* and Irene van der Zande, Founder of Kidpower**  
**For new and innovative ideas for presentations for your team and parents, this is an excellent educational source for:**

Using the “Safety at All Levels’ Model

Becoming a positive, powerful advocate for child safety, confidence and respect

Recognize potential trouble and take charge of problems that put kids at risk

Persuade organizations at all levels to take action to protect the young people in

In their care.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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