

Running an Effective Parent Meeting

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Know the details

- What is the setting?
 1. *Meeting room*
 2. *Pool bleachers*
 3. *Technology available*
 4. *Time available*
 5. *Social or meeting setting*
- Who is involved?
 1. *Parents?*
 2. *Swimmers?*
 3. *Both?*
 4. *Entire team?*
 5. *Small groups?*

Know Your Goals

1. Most important message you need parents to walk away with
2. Secondary message(s) you want parents to remember
3. Other message(s) you hope parents remember

“Most important message you need parents to walk away with”

VISIONCASTING

You only get a couple of chances a year to sell your vision for your program.

DON'T WASTE THIS ONE!



Keys to Success

1. The vision must be **memorable**
2. The vision must be **understandable**
3. The vision must be **achievable**

“Secondary message(s) you want parents to remember”

- Goals of the team

These should be clear and quantifiable. They should include in water and out of water goals.

- Parents role

Don't be shy. Tell them exactly what you expect from them and what you need from them

Goals of the Team

1. 100% meet participation
2. 50% of parents and athletes take Safe Sport training
3. Win every relay at LSC championships
4. 8 TAGS qualifiers; 10 Junior National qualifiers; 2 Olympic Trials qualifiers
5. 100% achievement of Parent Service Commitment

Goal #2:

“50% of parents and athletes take Safe Sport training”

1. Nothing is more important than the safety and well being of our children
2. Free and easy to do with a small time commitment
3. Done online:
http://www.praesidiuminc.com/armatus/reference_parents.php
4. Earn an hour of service toward your team commitment!



What is my role as a swim parent?

- Coaches critique performance.
 - Parents support unconditionally.
 - Coaches discipline during swimming.
 - Parents support unconditionally.
 - Coaches determine direction.
 - Parents support unconditionally.
 - Coaches push and challenge swimmers.
 - Parents support unconditionally.
- The only thing you need to say to your swimmer, is:
“I love watching you swim and I am so proud of you.”

“Other message(s) you hope parents remember”

- Policy or procedure changes
- Important dates and events
- How to get more involved
- Thank you

What do I say about Safe Sport to parents?



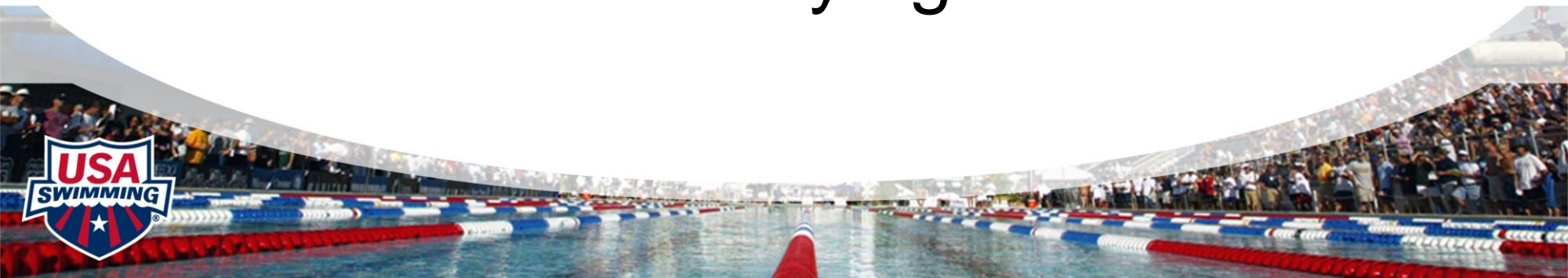
1. Safe Sport is USA Swimming's abuse prevention effort, and all member clubs are a part of it.



2. All coaches, officials, and other non-athlete members are subject to a background check and have completed the Athlete Protection Training.



3. The club has these policies in place:
 - a. Travel Policy
 - b. Electronic Communication Policy
 - c. Anti-Bullying Plan



4. By putting policies in place and communicating expectations, we can create a positive and safe environment for everyone.



5. Get involved by knowing the standards of conduct and communicating regularly with your child's coach.



Questions?

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