

NJ Registration Chair Report  
February 2013

**Most current registration numbers:**

Teams	63
Athletes	8,013
Coaches	424
Officials	315
Other	28

**Safe Sport Committee and USA Swimming Safe Sport Leadership Conference**

Recently, I accepted a position to serve on USA Swimming's Safe Sport Committee. I am extremely proud to have been given this opportunity and look forward to serving the swimming community.

The Safe Sport Leadership Conference, which was held January 27-29, 2013, provided an abundance of information on child sexual abuse and exploitation, the impact and prevalence of child abuse throughout the sporting community and - perhaps most importantly - hope for a much safer environment in the future. To quote one of the handout provided at the conference:

“....While the overwhelming majority of coaches and volunteers join sports for all the right reasons, some have other intentions....”

Coaches, Parents and Athletes - along with education, awareness, effective protection policies and safety procedures - each play a critical role in supporting USA Swimming's Safe Sport efforts. We have a lot of work ahead of us - but the work is worth the reward. In addition to the required training for coaches, USA Swimming has partnered with Praesidium to produce interactive training courses for parents and all teams are encouraged to share these videos with their parents. Additionally, within the coming month USA swimming will also release a series of training videos for athletes. These videos will provide accessible information directly to the most important members of our community - our swimmers. I encourage each and everyone of our coaches to share these videos with their swimmers when they become available.

Since the conference, I have started working with various organizations throughout New Jersey with the hope of creating a network of resources and services available to the New Jersey swimming community. As more information becomes available, I will be sure to forward it along. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you,

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